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自分の気持ちに嘘をつかないために島津と
別れた静。流香に向かいたい想いは
あるけれど、島津への罪悪感から
なかなか立ち直れずに夏休みを迎えていた。
そんなある日、タビセンの後輩達に誘われて
海へと気晴らしに出かけていく静。
だが、そこにはなんと流香の姿が…!!

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CHAPTER 42 DEPARTURE

STROKE

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BRO...

I WANT TO ASK YOU FOR A FAVOR...

STROKE

STROKE

I WANT TO BRING MY GRILFRIEND OVER AND HAVE HER SLEEP HERE...

SO NEXT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY RIGHT,

...I BROKE UP WITH SHIMAZU.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MEET HER RIGHT?

.....

SO YEAH I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD STAY OVER SHIMAZU-SAN'S PLACE THAT DAY...

WHAAAAAAAAAT——!!

IF YOU WANT HIT ME, GO AHEAD.

...FOR REAL?

WAIT...! HUH...!

I WASN'T THINKING...

ABOUT WANTING TO HIT YOU.

.....

Fwish

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AMAZING TO HAVE SHIMAZU-SAN AS MY SISTER IN LAW.

BUT I FEEL VERY DISAPPOINTED.

..THAT'S RUSHING THINGS A LITTLE TOO MUCH.

BUT BRO,

YOU'RE THE TYPE THAT WOULD DATE SOMEONE TO MARRY THEM

I MUST BECOME A GOOD BOYFRIEND FOR HER.

THAT WAS THE ONLY THING I WAS THINKING.

...I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THAT.

OH?

GETTING MARRIED WITH SHIMAZU...

ISN'T IT OVER THE MOMENT YOU START THINKING THAT?

BRO...

IN THAT CASE IT WAS OVER BEFORE IT EVEN STARTED.

THE MOMENT I KEPT THINKING THAT I MUST ONLY LOVE HER.

DO IT UNTIL YOUR HEART'S CONTENT LATER.

IF YOU WANT TO HIT ME,

...SO YOU...

HOW COULD YOU...

YOU PLAN ON TAKING RUKA-CHAN BACK!?

SO..

I GUESS IT'S THAT HUH?

I DONYT HAVE THOSE QUALIFICATIONS ANYMORE.

NOPE.

SO THEN...

I DIDN'T WAIT FOR HER ANSWER, AND I RAN TO SHIMAZU.

AFTER I TOLD HER I'D WAIT NO MATTER HOW LONG.

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YOU WOULD HAVE GOTTEN OVER RUKA-CHAN AS TIME GOES ON RIGHT?

YOU HAD NO REASON TO BREAK UP WITH SHIMAZU-CHAN.

I DEFINITELY DIDN'T WANT THAT

SHIMAZU DIDN'T WANT THAT EITHER.

SO UNTIL THAT HAPPENED,

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN OKAY TO MAKE SHIMAZU FEEL BAD?

THAT'S WHY WE BROKE UP

I DON'T REGRET IT

HEY!

A "GOOD BOYFRIEND",

IS A "BOYFRIEND WHO IS CRAZY IN LOVE WITH HIS GRILFRIEND", GOT IT?

YOUR LITTLE BROTHER?

YEAH.

HE TOLD ME,

..YEAH THAT WAS WELL SAID.

I CAN'T TOP WHAT YUU SAID THOUGH.

..THE OLD ME,

HE HAD CONFIDENCE IN HIMSELF THAT HE COULD BECOME A "GOOD BOYFRIEND".

IT REALLY HIT HOME WITH ME.

WHAT THE HELL? THAT SOUNDS SO CHILDISH.

BUT HE COULD BECOME A KIND, SINCERE, AND "GOOD BOYFRIEND"...

HE COULDN'T BECOME A COOL OR STYLISH BOYFRIEND,

WORTHLESS UNLESS YOU PUT YOUR FEELINGS INTO IT

BUT THAT IS,

IN THE END, I MADE A HALF-HEARTED ATTEMPT WITH SHIMAZU AND WITH RUKA-SAN.

...I,

I'M REALLY SICK AND TIRED OF MYSELF

DUDE!

THERE'S NO NEED TO BELITTLE YOURSELF THAT MUCH.

ISN'T QUALIFIED TO DATE ANYONE OUT THERE...

SOMEONE LIKE ME,

SINCE MY LITTLE BROTHER BROUGHT HIS GIRL OVER TONIGHT AND I CAN'T GO BACK!

AND YOU'LL ACCOMPANY ME UNTIL MORNING!

HUH?

OF COURSE I'LL DRINK!

DRINK AND FORGET ABOUT ALL THE BAD STUFF!

ANYWAY DRINK!

ENGRAVE IT ALL IN YOUR HEART.

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT FORGETTING OR TRYING TO FORGET.

IT'S A VALUABLE LESSON TO ME.

MORNING!

IT'S RARE TO SEE YOU FIRST PERIOD!

I HAVE A TEST SO I CAME A LITTLE EARLY

GOOD MORNING.

I REALLY WANTED TO PARTICIPATE.

THE REPORT FOR THE NEW MEMBER'S TRIP WAS GREAT

IT SEEMS ALL THE NEW STUDENTS ENJOYED IT AS WELL.

I-IS THAT SO?

THEN I'M GLAD...

I DECIDED TO STAY N TABISEN.

THAT'S RIGHT

WE DON'T HAVE TO LIMIT IT TO THE 1ST AND 2ND YEARS

WELL NEXT YEAR,

YOU SHOULD MAKE IT SO SENIORS CAN PARTICIPATE.

AAH! WAIT! WAIT!!

AS ONE OF THE MEMBERS NOTHING MORE.

ALL I WANT IS TO BE THERE,

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AAAAH!

HIS FACE IS SO CLOSE! I CAN SMELL HIS SHAMPOO'S FRAGRANCE...

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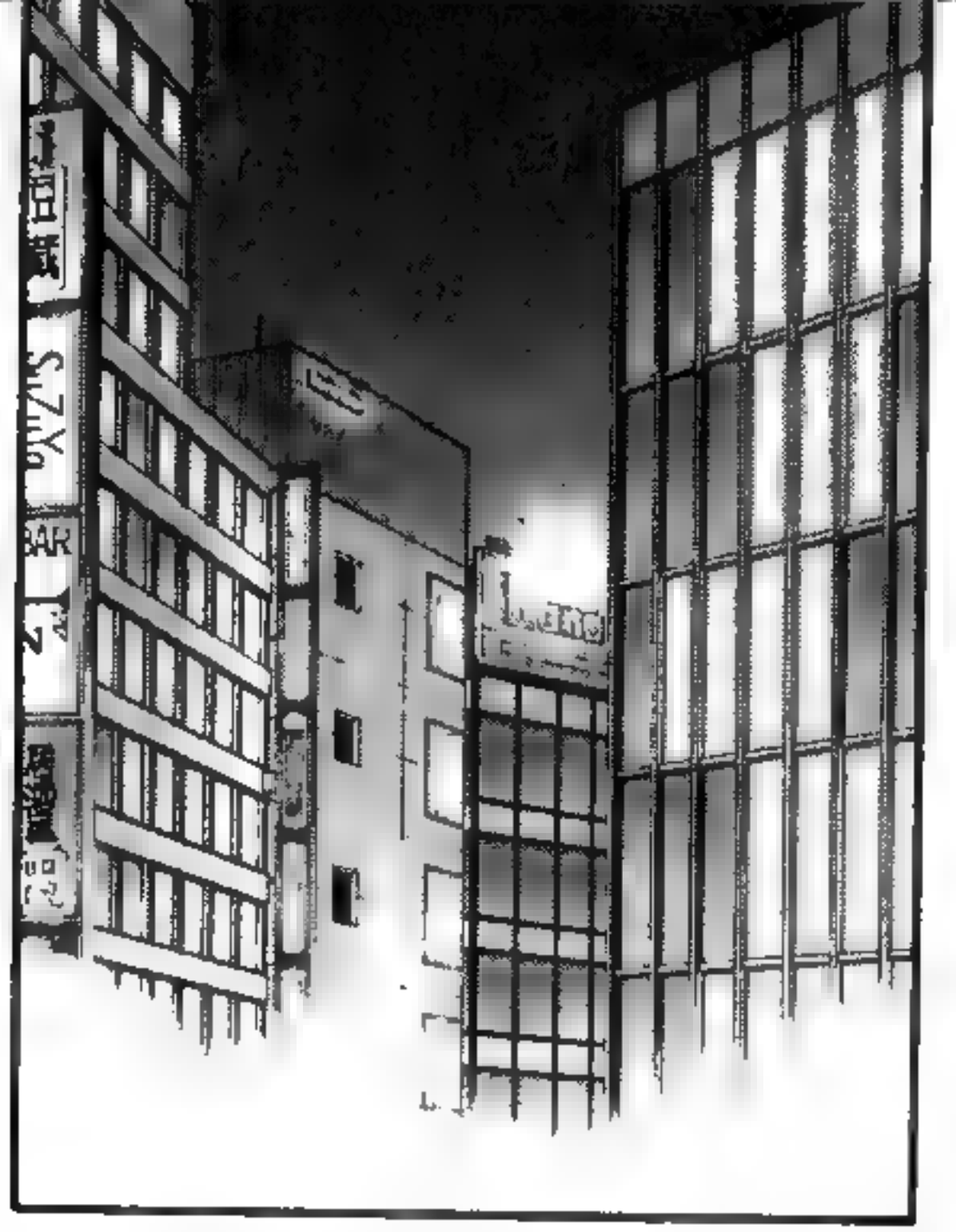
SFX- HEART BEATING FAST

HUH...?

...HE'S NOT WEARING THAT PERFUME TODAY...?

YEAH...

THIS IS THE SCENT OF THE GRANPA I KNOW....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EVERYONE ON STAFF, YOU DID A GREAT JOB!
THANKS TO ALL YOU THE EARLY SUMMER FAIR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

THANK YOU!

JUST KNOWING THAT,
MAKES ME A WEE BIT HAPPY...

SO HOW DID IT GO AFTER THAT?

YO!

PAT

KOMAI AND I BROKE UP. WHAT'S IT TO YOU?

WHA...!

I CAN MANAGE ON MY OWN.

COME CRY ON THIS OLD MAN'S CHEST... ♡

BUT I ALSO FEEL AT EASE.

YEAH I'M LONELY AS LONELY CAN BE NOW,

I'M NOT GOING TO CRY

I'VE ALWAYS FELT RESPONSIBLE.

IF I WOULDN'T HAVE RELIED ON KOMAI,

HIS LOVE WOULD HAVE RIPENED.

I'M SURE HE'S FOUND HAPPINESS WITH RUKA-SAN BY NOW

EVEN IF IT FEELS BITTERSWEET.

.....

BUT WHILE SAYING THAT,

"THERE'S NO WAY RUKA-SAN WILL TAKE ME BACK AFTER I BETRAYED HER."

OR,

HUH?

HE'S NOT HAPPY RIGHT NOW.

I HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD RUMORS THAT THE TWO OF THEM STARTED DATING.

ISN'T KOMAI-KUN BROODING AND WORRYING RIGHT NOW SAYING STUFF LIKE THAT?

"AFTER HURTING SHIMAZU, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BE THE ONLY ONE HAPPY!!"

.....

I'M NOT LAUGHING THOUGH?

..THAT'S POSSIBLE WITH KOMAI.

NO, THAT'S DEFINITELY THE CASE!

RIGHT?

DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU LAUGH WHEN YOU PICTURE THAT?

AH.

OH RIGHT...

SHIMAZU-SAN,

WHY DON'T YOU GO ON A TRIP TO CLEAR YOUR HEAD?

JUST FOCUS ON HAVING FUN.

I'M GOING ON ONE MYSELF SOON. WANT TO COME WITH ME?
I'LL SHOW YOU SOME INTERESTING PLACES.

THAT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA
...A TRIP, HUH...?

JUST SAYING SINCE WE'RE TWO PEAS IN A POD.
NO, NOTHING INDISCREET.
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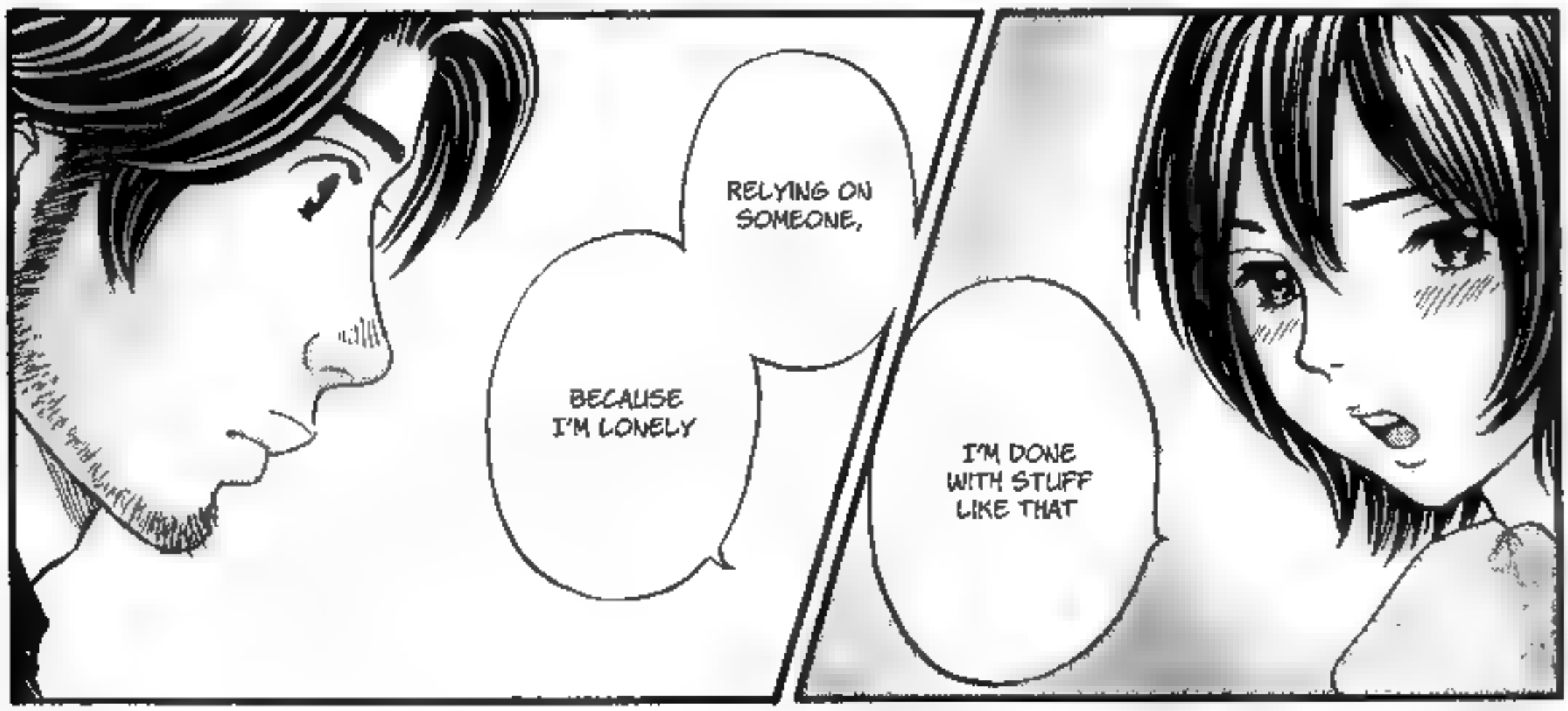
RELYING ON SOMEONE,
BECAUSE I'M LONELY
I'M DONE WITH STUFF LIKE THAT

I WANT TO BECOME STRONG,

SO I'LL BE ABLE TO STAND ON MY OWN TWO FEET.

IF YOU BECOME TOO STRONG YOU'LL MISS YOUR CHANCE TO GET MARRIED

.....

BUT DO THAT IN MODERATION 'K.

I SEE...

KNOCK
KNOCK

.....

YOUR GIRLFRIEND IS COMING AGAIN?

NOT GOING TO HAPPEN WHILE I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF TESTS.

NO IT'S NOT THAT...

WHAT IS IT?

SPIT IT OUT ALREADY

...IT'S BEEN LONG TIME,

SINCE TSUCCHI CONTACTED ME.

HE SAID HE'S GOING ON A TRIP AGAIN.

AND ALSO...

HE WANTS ME TO BRING YOU TO SEE HIM OFF...

NO MATTER WHAT,

HE HAS SOMETHING HE WANTS TO TELL YOU.

WHAT DOES HE HAVE TO SAY TO ME NOW?

OVER HERE! OVER HERE!

KOMAI BROTHERS!

WHAT IS HIS PURPOSE GOING OUT OF HIS WAY TO SEND FOR ME?

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT I HAD TO COME ALL THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT?

HM?

YEAH.

I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH RUKA.

I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE BEFORE I LEFT.

AND...?

.....

PAT

NERVOUS NERVOUS

THAT...

THAT'S IT!?

LIKE I SAID I'M SORRY.

AND WHAT?

Been a while.

.....
SHIMAZU-SAN!

SFX- WALTZING BY

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.....

HUH?

ARE YOU DONE TALKING?

YEAH.

I'LL BE GOING NOW.

THANK YOU FOR SEEING ME OFF.

WHY ARE THEY GOING INSIDE THE GATE TOGETHER!?

HUH? HUH? HUH? HUH? WHAT THE HELL? HOW COME?

whew

KEH KEH KEH ....

I CAN'T

I JUST CAN'T STOP LAUGHING REMEMBERING THE LOOK ON THEIR FACES.

WELL IT'LL BE GOOD IF THAT WAS ENOUGH TO SHOCK HIM.

SHIMAZU AND...

TSUCHIYA-SAN ARE...!?

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BECAUSE THE GIRL HE BROKE UP WITH IS WILLING TO GO *THIS FAR* FOR HIM.

YOU HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO WORRY THAT MUCH ABOUT HIM.

KOMAI-KUN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIMSELF FROM NOW ON RIGHT

I DON'T WANT TO BE PITIED BY THE GUY I BROKE UP WITH!

THAT'S WHY,

YOU'RE REALLY AS GOOD NATURED AS HIM.

YOU,

HE JUST DOESN'T HAVE COURAGE IN HIMSELF TO GO AFTER RUKA-SAN ONE MORE TIME.

"I FEEL BAD FOR SHIMAZU" AND THE LIKE,

I DON'T WANT TO BE USED AS SOME EXCUSE.

I WONDER IF KOMAI UNDERSTOOD?

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SORRY FOR MAKING YOU A PART OF THIS FARCE.

BYE, HAVE A GOOD TRIP.

NOT AT ALL IT WAS FUN.

NO LONGER CONNECTED TO HIS LOVE.

THAT TSUCHIYA-SAN AND I ARE ALREADY,

IT'S ALL UP TO HIM.

SNAP OUT OF IT, BRO!

BRO!

THE REST,

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OF ALL PEOPLE THAT TSUCHIYA-SAN...

SHIMAZU WITH TSUCHIYA-SAN... SHIMAZU WITH TSUCHIYA-SAN...

THAT THEY'RE GOING ON A TRIP OVER SEAS TOGETHER!

THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS SO SERIOUS,

IF SHIMAZU'S HAPPY THAT SHOULD BE FINE RIGHT!?

SO WHAT? I'M IN NO PLACE TO EVEN SAY ANYTHING NOW?

WAAAAH!!

TO MEET SOMEONE SO SHE COULD BE HAPPY.

I WANTED HER TO MOVE ON,

NO! SHE'S NOT THAT KIND OF GIRL! SHE'S REALLY IN LOVE WITH TSUCHIYA-SAN!

DON'T TELL ME SHE'S DOING THIS TO SPITE ME....?

IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN A MONTH SINCE WE BROKE UP...

IT'S WHAT I THOUGHT BUT..

ISN'T THAT TOO FAST SHIMAZU..?

SUMMER BREAK--

IT WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY WERE WORKING TOGETHER..

BUT..

IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE HIM...

IN THAT CASE THEN TSUCHIYA-SAN!

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トゥルルルル♪

AS USUAL I DIDN'T HAVE ANY PLANS OUTSIDE OF WORK,

THEY TALKED OFTEN!

WHILE GIVING HER RELATIONSHIP ADVICE BEFORE THEY KNEW IT_ IT'S PROBABLY THAT PATTERN_

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YUKARI-CHAN?

I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK ABOUT IT BECAUSE I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO DO.

WE WERE ALL GETTING EXCITED JUST NOW TALKING ABOUT GOING TO THE BEACH.

I KNOW IT'S A BIT SUDDEN, BUT ARE YOU FREE TOMORROW KOMAI-SAN?

HELLO!

YUP THOSE KINDS OF LEGS!

WE REALLY WANT TO GO TO THE BEACH WITH YOU, KOMAI-SAN!

...IN SHORT YOU NEED "LEGS" TO GET THERE?

THE BEACH?

IF YOU GAVE US A RIDE THERE IT WOULD MAKE US VERY HAPPY.

YAY! ALRIGHT!

IF I'M FREE I'LL JUST KEEP THINKING ABOUT BAD STUFF.

SURE. I'M FREE AFTER ALL --

VERY CHEEKY NEW STUDENTS.

I'M BEING USED FOR THE NEW STUDENTS' CONVENIENCE,

BUT THIS MIGHT HELP CLEAR MY HEAD...

WE'RE SORRY!

FOR MAKING YOU WAIT!

WHAT!?

.....

RUKA-SAN IS COMING ALONG WITH US!?

.....

WHEN YOU SAID SOMEONE ELSE WAS COMING, I THOUGHT YOU MEANT DOMOTO-KUN?

You said you called a guy so other guys would not hit on us.

UH...

ZA IN —!

IT'D BE DANGEROUS IF DOMO-CHAN SAW YOU IN YOUR BATHING SUIT RIGHT?

Yap! Yap!

SO THAT'S WHY WE BECAME KOMA-SAN'S HAREM! ♡

IF WE INVITED YAJI-SAN HE'D BE LOOKING AT US WITH PERVY EYES

.....

WHAT THE HELL

HOW THE HELL AM I SUPPOSE TO CLEAR MY HEAD LIKE THIS...!

Ta-da~h♪

WHAT DO YOU THINK? DOES IT GET YOUR BLOOD FLOWING KOMAI-SAN? ♡

NO, IT DOESN'T!

I MEAN YOU TWO SHOULD HAVE A LITTLE MORE SENSE OF SHAME!

.....

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

ALTHOUGH I'M SEEING GRANPA HALF NAKED_

I CAME IN A BIKINI SINCE I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE JUST THE NEW STUDENTS_

I WONDER IF HE WOULD REACT IF I EXPOSE MYSELF IN A BIKINI_

I KNEW IT! I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT A ONE PIECE...

I WONDER IF HE'LL THINK I'M SHAMELESS .....

KOMAI-SAN,

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SUNTAN OIL USE THIS.

I'M FINE LIKE THIS, THANKS.

GET YOURSELF A MANLY TAN! ♡

OH COME ONE DON'T BE LIKE THAT!

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OH YEAH PRESIDENT!

!!

PLEASE LATHER UP HIS BACK. ♡

WE'RE SHY, PURE MAIDENS IN THEIR TEENS AFTER ALL!

Right? ♡

WELL WE CAN'T TOUCH AN ADULT MAN'S BODY. ♡

Like this?

M-ME...?

……

LET ME LATHER YOU UP…?

WELL…

SEE YA! WE'LL BE GOING OUT FOR A SWIM FIRST!

♡

!

OKAY

SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE…

SPURT

AH..!

STROKE

THIS SENSATION IS AMAZING.

OH SHIT...

IT FEELS TOO GOOD.

SLIDE

Swit...

UM. UM...

WOULD YOU MIND IF I LIE DOWN...?

AH.

THAT'LL PROBABLY MAKE IT EASIER TO APPLY

WHEN THE SOFT PALM OF HER HAND,

TRICKLES DOWN MY BACK...

RUB

RUB

THINGS ARE GETTING VERY RISKY UP FRONT...!!

TREMBLE AS SHE AWAKES THEM.

THE FEELINGS I MUST THROW AWAY,

I WANT HER.

I...

I'LL STAY HERE AND WATCH OVER OUR STUFF.

SO RUKA-SAN GO HAVE FUN WITH THE OTHERS.

ALL DONE!

ALRIGHT

THANKS...

AH...BUT,

I JUST FINISHED APPLYING SUNTAN OIL ON YOU SO IT'LL BE A WASTE TO GO SWIM NOW.

I'M HARD SO I CAN'T STAND UP!!

THAT'S OKAY SO FOR A SWIM GRANPA

I'LL WATCH OVER OUR STUFF

I DON'T WANT TO TAKE OFF MY T-SHIRT

SURE...

WANT TO PLAY HOT SPRING SHIRITORI FOR THE TIME BEING?

WAKURA

RA...

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KI...

KIKUSAWA

THEN I'LL START!

KINOSAKI

DON'T THEY MAKE A CUTE COUPLE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

THOSE TWO,

IT'S DEFINITELY SUSPICIOUS.

EVEN WHEN WE WERE IN THE CAR THEY WERE BOTH VERY CONSCIOUS OF EACH OTHER.

THAT'S WHY IT'S ALL THE MORE INTRIGUING.

YEAH.

BUT DIDN'T DOMO-CHAN SAY THAT BOTH OF THEM HAVE SIGNIFICANT OTHERS?

hahaha

HE SEEMED INDIFFERENT ABOUT IT

Ahh!

Ohh.

ACTUALLY, MAYBE HE HAS EXPERIENCED A PRETTY DEEP LOVE...?

IT'S SIMPLY CURIOSITY ♡

NO, I'M NOT.

OH!? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE INTO KOMAI-SAN YUKARI-CHAN_ ♡

REMEMBER,

WHEN WE WERE PLAYING THAT QUESTION GAME DIDN'T IT SEEM LIKE I STEPPED ON A LAND MINE?

THE PRESIDENT FROZE UP.

FOR AN INSTANT,

WHEN I TRIED BRINGING THAT UP TO THE PRESIDENT...

Speaking of which about Komai-san...

In the middle of regulars

THAT'S IN POOR TASTES YUKARI-CHAN_

_IS THAT WHY YOU INVITED THE TWO OF THEM TODAY?

REALLY?

.....

WHICH IS WHY I'M ALMOST POSITIVE THAT LAND MINE IS THE PRESIDENT!

THE CONVO WENT VERY VAGUE.

DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE THE PRESIDENT IS QUITE HAPPY?

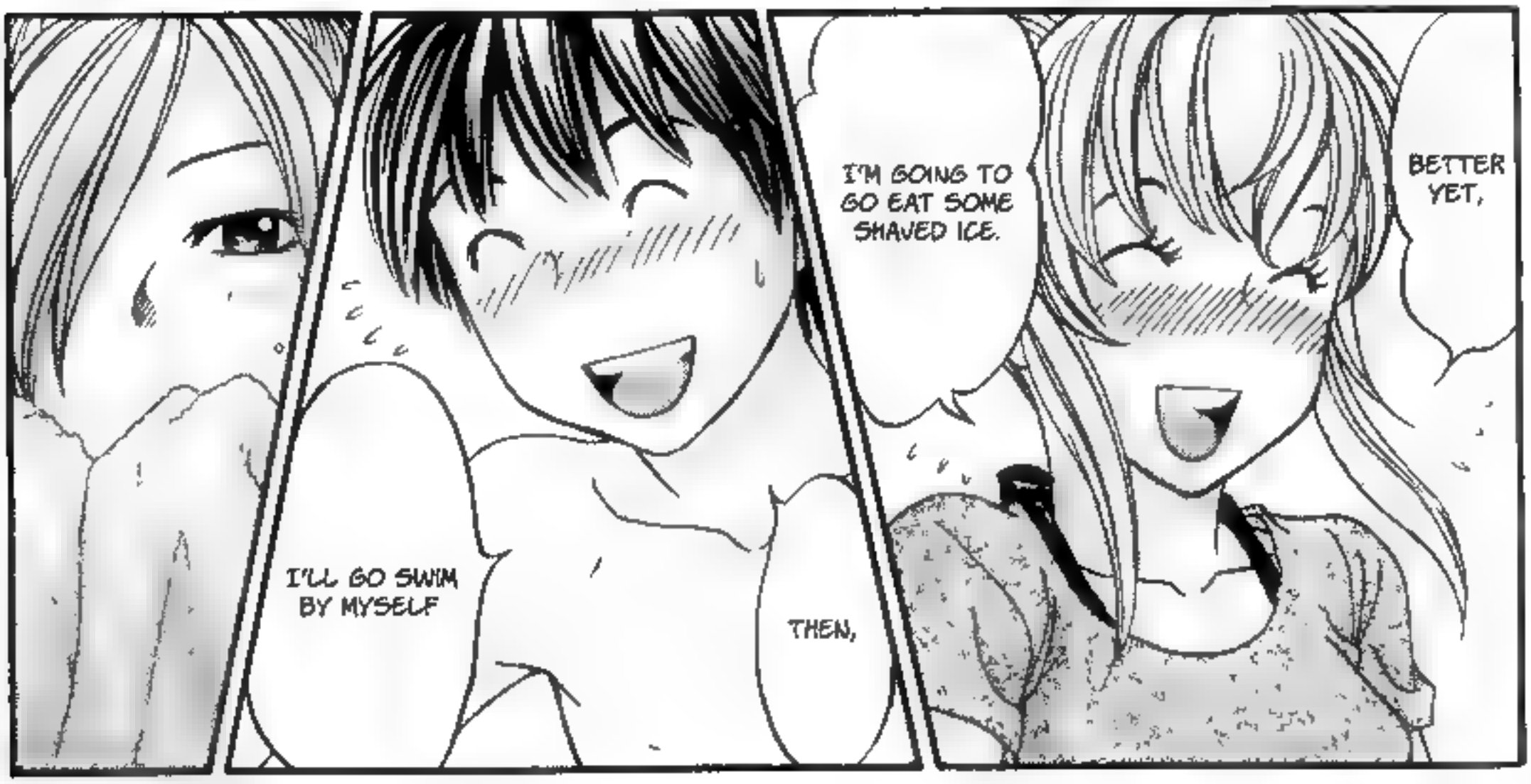
AT THE VERY LEAST,

I MIGHT BECOME THEIR CUPID?

PERHAPS,

HEY YOU TWO!
LET'S SWITCH!
♡

HUH?
WE'LL WATCH OVER THE STUFF SO GO OUT FOR A SWIM!


I'M GOING TO GO EAT SOME SHAVED ICE.
BETTER YET,
I'LL GO SWIM BY MYSELF
THEN,

Food & Drink

HEY PREZ!

YUM!

DELISH!

I'LL GO WITH YOU!

HM?

SAY PRESIDENT,

IT LOOKED PRETTY GOOD.

THAT TWO SHOT WITH YOU AND KOMAI-SAN,

YOU SEEMED SO HAPPY, PRESIDENT ♡

YOU LOOKED LIKE, YOU WERE GLOWING AND HAVING FUN. ♡

!.....

EVERYONE IS LIKE THAT.

WE HAVE FUN AND GLOW WITH HAPPINESS.

WHEN WE'RE BOTH TALKING ABOUT HOT SPRINGS,

T-THAT'S_

THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE BOTH PART OF TABISEN.

WITH THE TWO OF YOU IT SEEMS SPECIAL.

REALLY?

SO WHAT KIND OF PERSON...

...IS YOUR BOYFRIEND PREZ?

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

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SINCE GRANPA HAS A GORGEOUS GIRLFRIEND!

I DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND?

HUH?

UH YES?

SO ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS CONFESS PRESIDENT!?

FOR REAL!?

HUUH?

I MEAN YOU KNOW IT'S VERY OBVIOUS?

HOW DID THIS TURN INTO ME CONFESSING -?

Y-YUKARI-CHAN?

!

IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE THAT YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH HIM. ♡

LET'S CONFIRM WHAT'S WRITTEN ON HIS?

SO IN THAT CASE,

IF YOU'RE WORRIED HIDE SOMEWHERE!

I'M JUST GOING TO TRY PROBING HIM A LITTLE IS ALL!

IT'LL BE FINE! I WON'T TELL HIM ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS PREZ!

UH! UM! UM!

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

W- WHAT ...

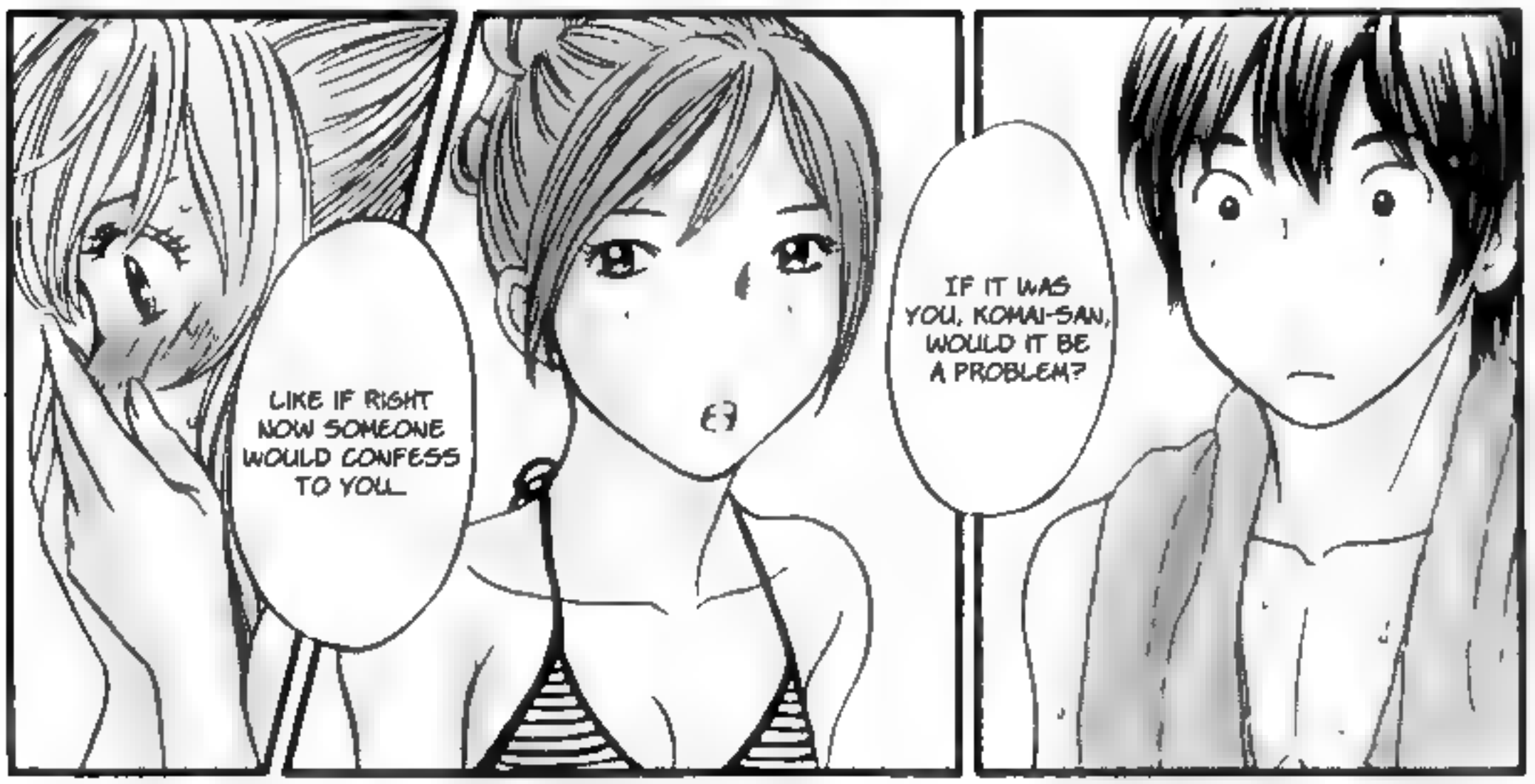
I WANT TO KNOW HOW GRANPA FEELS ...

I REALLY WANT TO KNOW BUT I DON'T THINK DOING IT LIKE THIS RIGHT...

SHE REALLY BROUGHT HIM HERE!?

SO-
WHAT IS IT YOU WANT ME TO GIVE YOU ADVICE ON...?

TO TELL A GUY WHO HAS A GIRLFRIEND HOW YOU FEEL?
DO YOU THINK IT'S WRONG,


LIKE IF RIGHT NOW SOMEONE WOULD CONFESS TO YOU...
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IF IT WAS YOU, KOMAI-SAN, WOULD IT BE A PROBLEM?

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SINCE I DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND RIGHT NOW,

I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE A PROBLEM IN THAT SENSE...?

WELL...

WE BROKE UP NOT TOO LONG AGO...

FOR REAL!?

HE DOES NOT HAVE A GIRLFRIEND...?

THEN, YOU'RE SINGLE RIGHT NOW!?

SO THERE'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL!!

OH WOW! ♡

!!

DID YOU KNOW?

THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO SINGLE RIGHT NOW!

PROBLEM ?

THE THREE OF US WERE SAYING,

"IT'S SUCH A PITY THAT KOMAI-SAN HAS A GIRLFRIEND,

YUKARI-CHAN...! HOLD ON...!

BECAUSE HE AND THE PREZ MAKE A CUTE COUPLE!"

THERE'S NOTHING....

...BETWEEN ME AND RUKA-SAN.

.....

SO COULD YOU STOP JOKING AND INSTIGATING LIKE THIS?

I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE THE TWO OF US DATING.

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.....

PREZ_

UM...

PRE

AH...

IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO MESS AROUND WITH AN UPPERCLASSMAN DO IT WITH YAJI-SAN OKAY.

HE LIKES TO BE TEASED AFTER ALL.

I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE THE TWO OF US DATING.

I CAN'T TELL HIM I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM RIGHT NOW.

I,

CHAPTER 44 GIVE UP

"THERE'S NOTHING
BETWEEN ME
AND RUKA-SAN."

"WE BROKE UP NOT TOO LONG AGO—"

I WAS TOLD QUITE CLEARLY BY HIM,

I FEEL SO SORRY FOR THAT GIRL'S REASON I GOT MY HOPES UP

SIGH

THAT HE CAN'T PICTURE HIMSELF IN LOVE WITH ME....

I PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE BROKEN UP WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND MEANT HE WOULD COME BACK TO ME

WELCOME BACK.

HUH? YUKARIN WHAT'S WRONG?

You look kinda gloomy.

ん…？

I SCREWED UP BIG TIME...

I...

?

I THOUGHT THEY COULDN'T FORSAKE THEIR LOVERS TO GET TOGETHER.

I SIMPLY THOUGHT THAT'S ALL IT WAS....

THE PREZ WAS WITH SOMEONE AND KOMAKI-SAN AS WELL.

AND YET THE TWO OF THEM WERE ATTRACTED TO EACH OTHER.

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW...?

I'M SURE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS HURT...

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THEY WERE BOTH SINGLE.

AND EVEN SO KOMAKI-SAN WOULD COMPLETELY DENY A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT

.....

IT WAS TOTALLY OUTSIDE MY EXPECTATIONS THAT I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO FOLLOW IT UP.

YEAH.

I'M REPENTING.

I THINK WHAT I DID WAS COMPLETELY UNCALLED FOR—

YUKARI-CHAN—

WUH

I THINK YOU SHOULD STOP STICKING YOUR NECK INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS.

WITHOUT KNOWING THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES OKAY—?

I THINK THAT, BUT—

AAAAH! I'M SO HUNGRY!

ISN'T IT ALMOST TIME FOR LUNCH?

...SHE SAID THAT SHE WAS GOING OUT FOR A SWIM.

.....

HUH? WHERE IS RUKA-SAN?

OH.

IS THAT SO?

I wonder where she went?

HE KIND OF PISSES ME....OFF!

WHY IS HE ACTING AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED!?

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WAS THAT SUPPOSE TO BE HIS WAY OF AVOIDING THE ISSUE?

IT WAS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT HE WAS ANGRY ABOUT IT!?

"SO COULD YOU STOP JOKING AND INSTIGATING LIKE THIS?

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I KNOW IT WAS MY FAULT,

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.....

I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR HER.

BUT IF HE'S GOING TO FAKE IT HE COULD DO A BETTER JOB AT IT!!

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RUKA-SAN!

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I-I KNOW THAT!

I'M ON MY WAY BACK NOW...

IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO OUT INTO THE OPEN SEA

PLEASE COME BACK

WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING A HOPELESS SWIMMER!?

NO. IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE AFRAID MOVING FORWARD AT ALL...

COULD IT BE "THAT" YOU CAN'T SWIM?

!

WHOSE FAULT DO THINK IT IS THAT I WAS WASHED AWAY!?

A TIME ALL HOPE AND HOPE

EVEN IF YOU HAVE A LIFE PRESERVER

YOU CAN'T GO OUT SWIMMING BY YOURSELF WHEN YOU CAN'T DO THE FLUTTER KICK PROPERLY

THINKING IF I SHOULD JUST GIVE UP.

HOW IF I CONFESSED IT WOULD BE A PROBLEM.

WHO DO YOU THINK WAS ON MY MIND?

I'LL PUSH YOU FROM BEHIND.

SO DON'T KICK WITH YOUR FEET

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HOW CAN I JUST GIVE UP!

IF YOU COME TO MY RESCUE RIGHT AWAY,

AND YET WHAT THE HELL!

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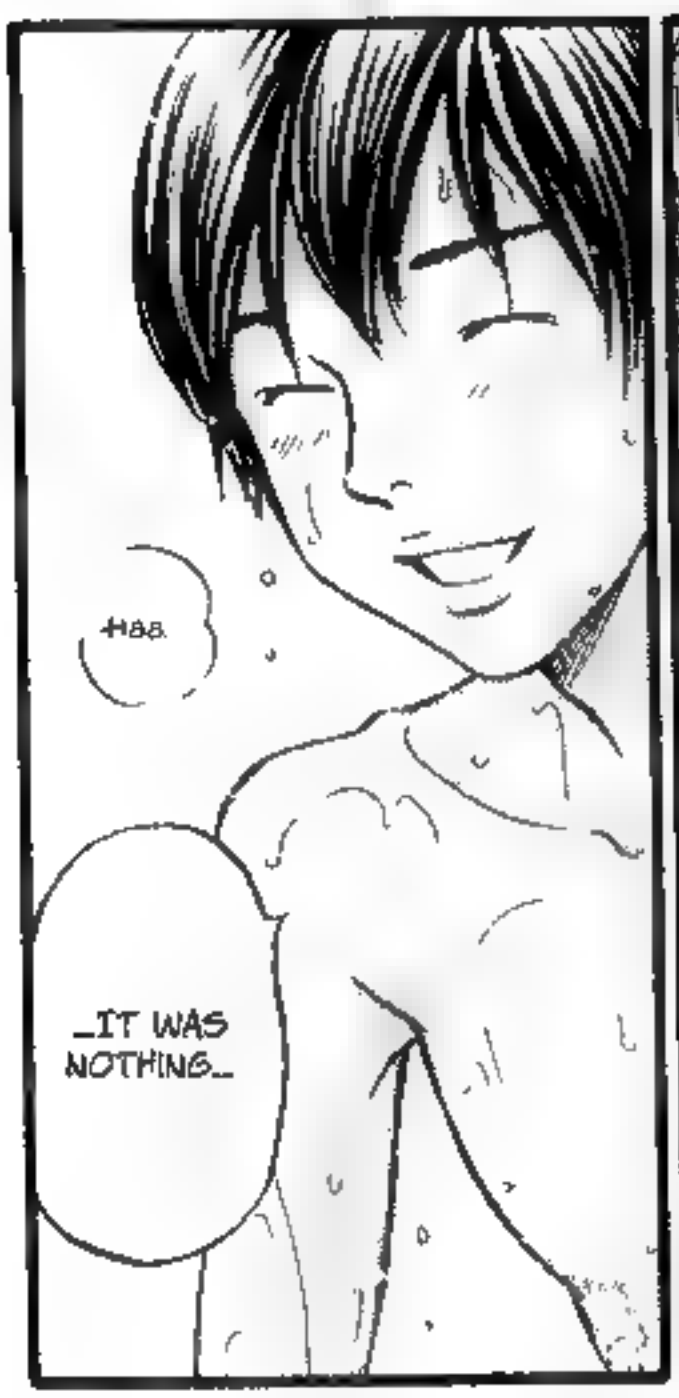
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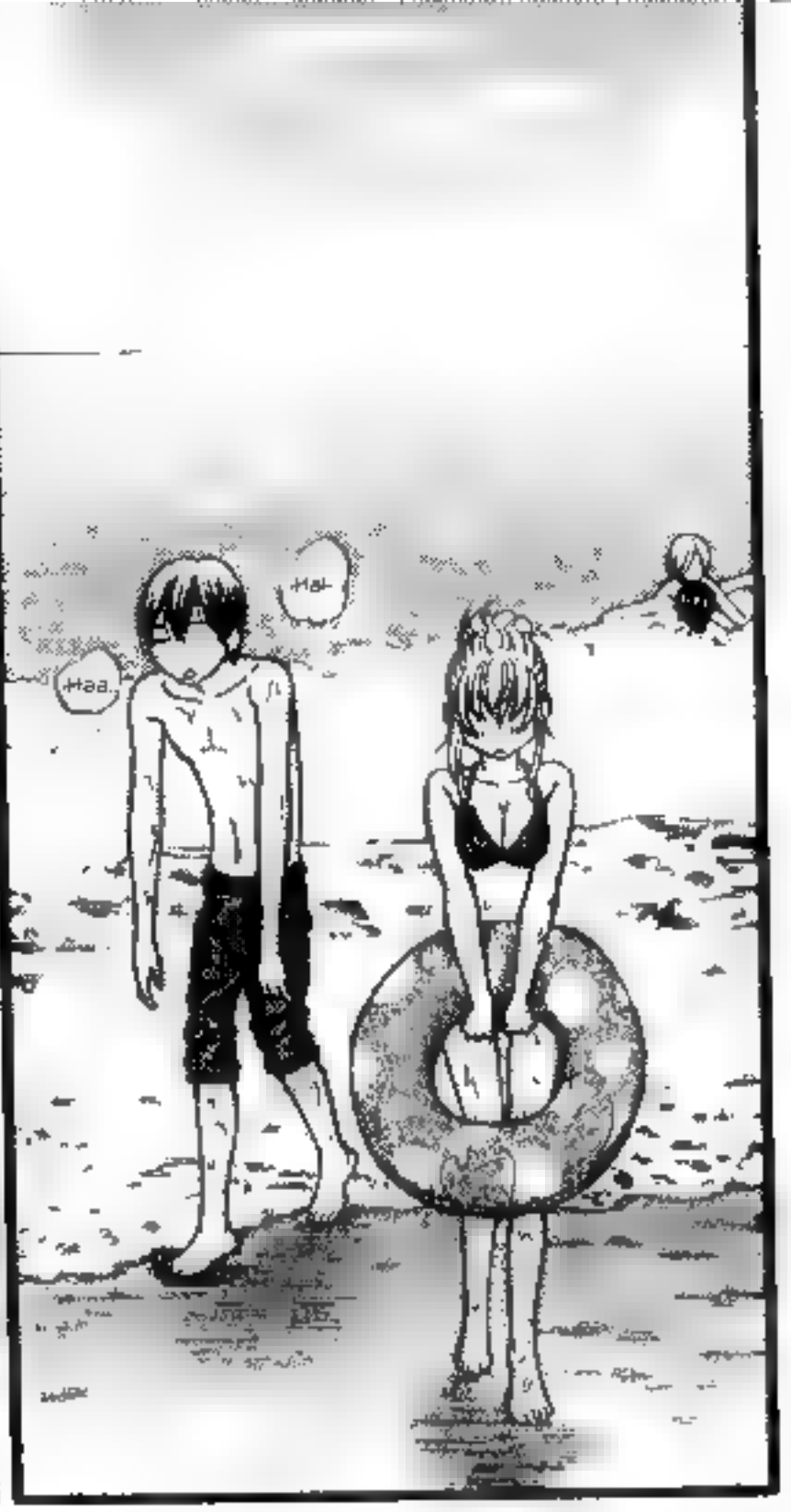
IT WAS NOTHING

THANK YOU_
FOR SAVING ME.


HA!
HAA.

YOU'RE STILL NICE TO ME.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE NOT IN LOVE WITH ME,
I'LL DO SOMETHING REALLY NICE FOR YOU. ♡
LATER AS A THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME,
?

YUP! ♡

COME ON GIRLS KEEP PILING IT ON!

BY SOMETHING NICE DID YOU MEAN THIS ...?

IS IT BECAUSE "WE'RE FRIENDS IN TABISEN"...?

UM_

RUKA-SAN_

.....

.....

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.....

YOU'RE FORCING YOURSELF TO ACT CHEERFUL_

PREZ_

I'LL ACT LIKE A "FRIEND".

THEN THAT'S FINE GRANPA.

IT FEELS GOOD LIKE A SAND BATH RIGHT?

HOW DO LIKE IT?

AH...

HEY ...

.....!

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YEAH?

HEY WAIT...

IT'S GETTING HARD TO BREATHE....

BUT IF WE DON'T PILE UP THIS MUCH YOU WON'T FEEL ANYTHING OKAY

WHAT THE HELL IS HIS PROBLEM!

HE'S REACTING PROPERLY TO THE PREZ'S NICE BODY!

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DESPITE THAT A GUY ACTING ALL EVASIVE JUST PISSES ME OFF!!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT ARE HIS CIRCUMSTANCES,

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AH—
YUKARI-CHA—
WHAT DID SHE DO JUST NOW?
WHAT?
HUH?
ALRIGHT! LET'S GO FOR ANOTHER SWIM!
PFT!

YEAH...

HEY PREZ,

IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO GIVE UP!

SECRETLY BEING IN LOVE WITH YOU.

!?

His wiener is standing up.

He's got a wiener! He's got a wiener

I'LL CONTINUE JUST LIKE THIS,

His wiener was standing up!

IF I'M GOING TO SECRETLY STARE AT YOU,

THEN I'M FINE BEING JUST FRIENDS NOW.

GIVE ME A RIDE HOME.
I'M ALREADY TOO TIRED

YA_
WELL THANKS FOR TODAY
LIKEWISE_

I'LL LEAVE THOSE TWO ALONE.
I KNOW. I KNOW.
GO PREZ! SHE PLANS TO TAKE FORCEFUL METHODS!?
YUKARI-CHAN!

I'M SORRY FOR SUCH AN IMPUDENT REQUEST

NOT AT ALL_

....I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?

YEAH YOU WERE VERY HYPER_

I'M SPENT AFTER HAVING SO MUCH FUN

SHE WASN'T FEELING HESITANT TOWARDS ME AT ALL

Hey! Hey! Come pick me up on your back!

THIS AFTERNOON SHE WAS IN SUCH HIGH SPIRITS.

I REALLY ENJOYED MYSELF TODAY.

I ALSO GOT ALONG WELL WITH YUKARI-CHAN AND THE OTHERS.

I WONDER IF THERE IS ANY SIGNIFI-CANCE,

IN HER SUDDEN CHANGE?

"THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO SINGLE RIGHT NOW!"

"DID YOU KNOW?"

THAT THINGS ARE COMPLETELY OVER BETWEEN RUKA-SAN AND TSUCHIYA-SAN.

TSUCHIYA-SAN LEFT WITH SHIMAZU ON A TRIP.

SO THAT MEANS,

WHEN DID SHE BREAK UP WITH HIM?

WAS IT BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY SHE RAN AWAY CRYING ALL THE SUDDEN?

WHY DID THEY BREAK UP?

DOES IT REALLY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ME?

"IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU GRANPA!"

IS THAT ALL CONNECTED,

TO TODAY'S SMILE?

"SO THERE'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL!!"

MY MIND,

PLEASE STOP

I MUST NOT THINK ABOUT IT

IS MAKING UP ALL THESE CONVENIENT PINK DREAMS FOR ME ALL ON ITS OWN.

DON'T SHOW ME THESE DREAMS

WHAT IS_?

This taste

IT'S SO STRANGE.

THAT I'M HERE TAKING A NAP IN YOUR PASSENGER SEAT

YOU DON'T THINK IT'S STRANGE?

!

WHAT BOTH OF US HAVE BEEN AVOIDING ALL THIS TIME.

THE TWO OF US TALKING ALONE TOGETHER.

IT'S FINALLY HERE.

HANGING OUT TOGETHER AND TAKING ME HOME.

I THOUGHT IT WAS SOMETHING THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

I WANT TO BE MORE WITH YOU SASAKI

I'M SO HAPPY

I CAN'T GET MY HOPES UP

I CAN'T

THAT EVEN NOW RUKA-SAN ...

BUT I WONDER IF *WE CAN BE FRIENDS?*

RIGHT...?

...IS STILL IN LOVE WITH ME.

THERE'S JUST NO WAY...

YEAH_

YEAH.

AS FRIENDS.

ISN'T IT SOMETHING I ALREADY KNEW?

BY BEING FRIENDS I DON'T WANT THINGS TO BE AWKWARD

FROM NOW ON WE CAN BE MORE COMFORTABLE AROUND EACH OTHER.

AND I SAID LET'S BE FRIENDS.

ALTHOUGH I THOUGHT IT'LL BE GOOD TO BE JUST FRIENDS,

SHE'S SHOWING ME THIS ADORABLE SLEEPING FACE.

SINCE WE'RE FRIENDS,

ISN'T IT SOMETHING THAT DID NOT HAPPEN EVEN AFTER I WISHED FOR IT?

ISN'T THAT WHAT I DECIDED TO DO?

"GIVE UP".

IT'S SUCH A SHOCK TO ME NOW?

THEN HOW COME,

CHAPTER 45
SUPPORT

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FRIENDS RIGHT?

WE'RE...

NO!

AREN'T WE FRIENDS?

NO!

WE'RE JUST FRIENDS.

STOP IT!

I SAID NO!

……

AM I BACKED UP ?

WE CAN'T DO THIS SORT OF THING...
SINCE WE'RE JUST FRIENDS —

IS IT BECAUSE I GOT AN EYEFUL OF HER IN A BIKINI...?
IT'S BEEN NOTHING, BUT WET DREAMS AFTER GOING TO THE BEACH ...

I MUST RETURN TO A HEALTHY STATE OF MIND!
I HAVE WORK THIS OFF SOME-HOW.
SPEED
UP!

SHIZUKA_

!

YOU CALL THAT RUNNING?

HEY...

Y-YEAH_

YOU STARTED JOGGING?

I'M TRYING TO BUILD UP MY STAMINA FOR AN UPCOMING GAME!

I'M FINE LIKE THIS.

COME ON! PICK UP THE PACE!

EVEN SO THAT'S STILL AWESOME RIGHT?

IT'S JUST A PRACTICE GAME THOUGH.

ALTHOUGH IT'S YOUR FIRST GAME, YOU ARE GOING TO BE A STARTING PLAYER.

KOTONO HANAKI (16), EVER SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE A STARTER !?

YOU KOTONO!?

I-I SEE...

THEY JUST PICKED ME AFTER A SENIOR RETIRED, AND ONE OF THE STARTING 2ND YEAR PLAYERS WAS INJURED CONSECUTIVELY

IT'S NOT AWESOME.

I'M JUST GOING TO HOLD THEM BACK.

SO AT THE VERY LEAST I'LL TRY TO KEEP UP WITH MY STAMINA UNTIL THE END.

IF YUU-CHAN WILL COME TO THE GAME...?

I WONDER...

KOTONO IS A FAIRLY NONATHLETIC PERSON.

HOWEVER SHE KEPT PLAYING VOLLEYBALL,

BECAUSE YUU WAS ALSO ON THE TEAM.

IF HE CAME TO CHEER FOR ME,

I THINK I CAN HANG IN THERE UNTIL THE END.

OKAY!

NO! I WILL DEFINITELY MAKE HIM GO!

I'LL TELL HIM TO GO CHEER FOR YOU.

IF IT'S AT HARL HIGH I'LL GO.

GOING OVERBOARD EVEN THOUGH IT'S ONLY A PRACTICE MATCH.

WHATEVER JUST GO!

SOUNDS ANNOYING.

HELL NO!

SO IT'S JUST THIS ONE TIME OKAY?

I'M EVEN GOING WITH YOU!

THIS COULD BE THE FIRST AND LAST TIME SHE APPEARS IN A GAME.

ISN'T THAT WHY WE'RE GOING TO CHEER FOR HER!

I CAN PICTURE THAT TRAGIC SIGHT WITHOUT EVEN GOING.

ANYHOW SHE'S JUST GOING TO HOLD THEM BACK IN A TERRIBLE WAY RIGHT?

THIS IS AN ORDER!

WE'RE GOING TO SUPPORT HER AT THE GAME NEXT SUNDAY!

IF YOU DEFY ME, I'LL NEVER MAKE YOUR MEALS AGAIN!!

ALRIGHT FINE!

I JUST HAVE TO GO, RIGHT!

REALLY!?

YUU-CHAN IS GOING TO COME TO MY GAME!?

YEAH,

HUH?

HUH?

HUH?

HUH?

HUH?

I'LL BRING SOME REFRESHMENTS SO DO YOUR BEST

BOW

BOW

WHO... IS THAT?

BOW

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HANAKI.

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WE'RE ALL COMING TO CHEER FOR YOU!

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR GAME!

!

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FIRST MATCH AS WELL IGARASHI-KUN!

THANK YOU!

ALL RIGHT! I'M GETTING FIRED UP!

THAT KOTONO HAS MALE FRIENDS...

I'M SURPRISED...

YUP, FROM THE VOLLEY-BALL TEAM IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

That eloquent pretty boy just now.

FRIEND?

AH,

HE WAS YUU-CHAN'S JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL AS WELL.

NO WONDER I REMEMBER HIS FACE...

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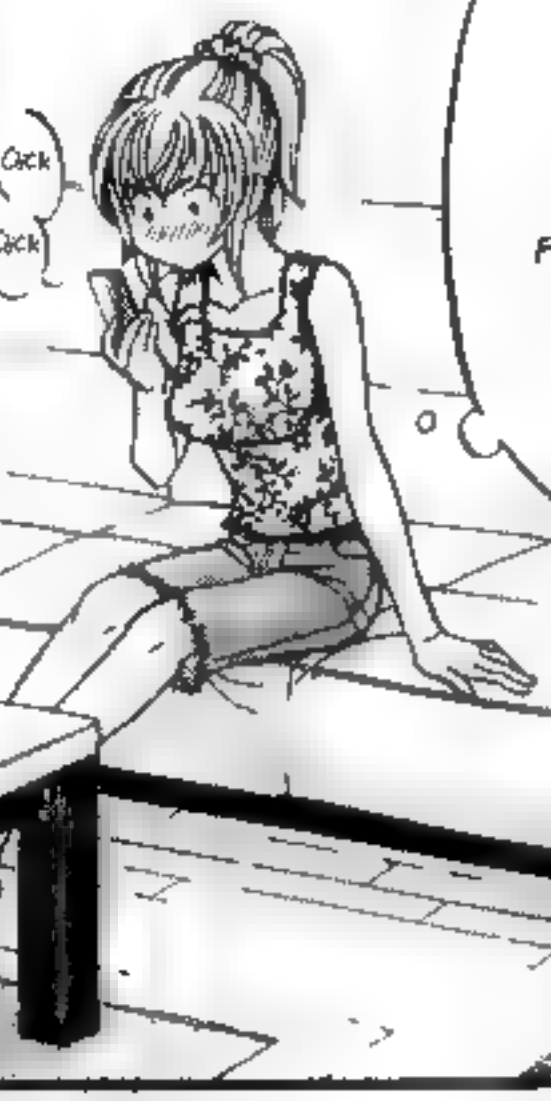
SO IT'S NOT WEIRD TO TEXT HIM WITHOUT A REASON RIGHT?

WE'RE JUST FRIENDS...



IT'S JUUUUST LIKE TEXTING A MALE FRIEND FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER.

SOMEHOW OR OTHER I'M JUUUST SEEING IF HE'S NOT BUSY...

THAT WAS A FAST REPLY!!

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Grampa
Re What's up!
08/26 8:55
Good morning.
Right now I am,
at-a-loss sitting in
front of a pile of
riceballs.

Re: What's up!

Good morning.

Right now I am,

at-a-loss sitting in

front of a pile of

riceballs.

But while I was busy

making refreshments

Yuu ran out on me.

He's not even answering

his phone.

Today I had plans

to go with Yuu to

cheer Kotono at her

practice game,

IT'S NOT HIM, IT'S RUKA-SAN..?

YUU!?

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IT'S PRETTY TOUGH FOR A GUY TO BRING ALL THESE RICEBALLS TO AN ALL GIRL HIGH SCHOOL GYM BY HIMSELF.....

I MEAN WHAT SHOULD I TELL KOTONO...

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To 受信メール 09:06
8/26 09.07
From Ruka Shinohara
Title If you'd like, I can go together with you?

"I CAN GO TOGETHER WITH YOU?"

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IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE!

YOU'RE A REAL LIFESAVER. THANK YOU FOR GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY.

I WANT TO SUPPORT KOTONO-CHAN AS WELL.

SINCE SHE HAS SUPPORTED ME QUITE A BIT

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KOTONO IS BEING TARGETED.

HOW CRUEL...

.....

JUST AS I THOUGHT ...

DON'T GIVE UP!

KOTONO-CHAN!

KOTONO! YOU OKAY?

YEAH.

SORRY

HUH...?

RUKA-SAN!?

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KOTONO-CHAN! HANG IN THERE!!

KOTONO! RELAX!

NO WAY! A COME BACK!?

HOW COME ...!?

SHIZUKA AND RUKA-SAN....?

HAA-NAA-KII!

HAA-NAA-KII!

Aah! Kotono-chan is so popular!

IGARASHI-KUN...

BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW HOW SHE'S BEEN...

SLOW KOTONO,

...WORKING REAL HARD.

HANAKI!

HANAKI!

HANAKI!

HANAKI!

WHAT THE HELL? SO LAME!

IT'S ONLY A PRACTICE GAME. THEY LOOK SO STUPID!

HANAKI!

HANAKI!

HANAKI!

HANAKI!

IT'S ONLY A PRACTICE GAME,

BUT EVERYONE IS GOING TO GREAT LENGTHS TO SUPPORT,

GO GET 'EM!

KOTONO IS WAITING.

Stare

BUT,

FOR THE SUPPORT OF ONLY ONE PERSON--

YU...

...!

GRANPA!

...

TE TE TE TE

...THAT IMBECILE...

HE BROUGHT A DAMN GIRL WITH HIM!!

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KOTONO ……!

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR LOOKING AWAY DUMB ASS.

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I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE TO THIS!

I'VE HAD EVEN MORE,

PAINFUL TIMES THAN THIS!

SGH

I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE!

AND YET
I'VE CONTINUED
TO CHASE
AFTER HIM,

WITHOUT
GIVING UP!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GO SEE HER?

THEN...

I'LL GO CHECK UP ON HER SO WAIT FOR ME BY THE SCHOOL GATE.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I SHOULD SAY TO HER...

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BUT IT WAS VERY TOUCHING.

I'LL GO TELL HER...

THAT THEY LOST THE MATCH.

GOOD JOB.

YOU DID YOUR BEST.

IGARASHI-KUN...

OH DEAR!

I DISGRACED MYSELF OUT THERE...

EVERYONE WAS SAYING YOU'VE GOTTEN MUCH BETTER SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

THAT'S NOT TRUE.

HEHEH...

DON'T EXPECT TO BE REWARDED FOR SAYING THAT

YOU DIDN'T MISS ANY SERVES, AND YOU HAD SOME GOOD TOSSES.

YOU HUNG IN THERE TO THE END WITHOUT RUNNING OUT OF STAMINA. WELL DONE!

REALLY?

I'VE NEVER SEEN SOMEONE WORK AS HARD AS YOU, HANAKI.

AMAZING.

EVEN IN HIGH SCHOOL YOU'RE WORKING HARD.

LIKE HOW YOU WOULD STAY ALL BY YOURSELF UNTIL YOU FINISHED THE TRAINING MENU.

WHOA!

YOU MUST HAVE GREAT WILL-POWER TO CONTINUE DOING THAT FOR 3 YEARS...

YEAH, THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE GUYS.

THE GUYS TRAINING MENU IS DEVILISH HARD AND MORE AMAZING!

Thanks!

I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD CONTINUE PLAYING VOLLEYBALL.

I RESPECT THAT PART OF YOU...

OR MORE LIKE LOVE THAT ABOUT YOU.

HANAKI
...

LESS

GO OUT WITH ME...!

PLEASE!

CHAPTER 46

PITTER-PATTER

PLEASE!

GO OUT WITH ME...!

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I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL_

For a long time

IGA...IGA, IGA, IGARASHI-KUN C-C-C-CONFESSED TO MEEE!?

BOM!

HUH...!

!!

I COULDN'T TELL YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE IN LOVE WITH KOMAI-SENPAI.

IT WAS OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE ON THE TEAM...

YOU CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKING... I MEAN...

WHA...HOW... HOW DID YOU KNOW....?

AFTER SEEING WHAT HE DID TODAY, I CAN'T FORGIVE HIM NO MATTER WHAT...

BUT,

I NEVER PLANNED ON TELLING YOU.

THE TRUTH IS,

P.S.

I THOUGHT I WANTED THINGS TO WORK OUT WITH HIM.

WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND...

YUU-CHAN...

SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE ME AN ANSWER RIGHT AWAY

PERHAPS,

YOU'VE NEVER IMAGINED YOURSELF DATING ANY OTHER GUYS RIGHT?

I WANT YOU TO TAKE YOUR TIME TO THINK IT OVER.

YOU HAVE ANOTHER CHOICE BESIDES SENPAI.

SOMEONE, BESIDES YUU-CHAN...

HUUH?

...WAS SHE CRYING?

WAS SHE REALLY DEPRESSED ?

RUKA-SAN..!

HOW WAS KOTONO DOING!?

WHAT..?

SOMEHOW I COULDN'T GET TO SEE HER.

OH.

SORRY

WELL...

IT WAS A MOOD THAT MADE IT VERY HARD TO TALK TO HER....

THE OTHER MEMBERS ON THE TEAM WERE CRITICIZING HER FOR ALL HER MISTAKES...!?

AH! NO. THAT'S NOT IT.

I TOOK THE RICEBALLS TO THEIR CLUBROOM! EVERYONE WAS REALLY HAPPY!

THEY SAID, "SO THESE RICEBALLS ARE A SIGN FROM THAT RUMORED SHIZUKA, RIGHT?"

KOTONO-CHAN WAS NOT THERE.

WHEN I WENT OUTSIDE TO LOOK FOR HER...

WHEN I DID THAT...

YEAH..?

AAH... WHAT SHOULD I DO? SHOULD I TELL HIM? I REAAAALLY WANT TO TELL HIM THOUGH!

I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY! SO STOP PUTTING ON AIRS AND JUST TELL ME!!

BUT YOU KNOW I'M NOT FREE TO RUN MY MOUTH ABOUT KOTONO-CHAN'S PRIVACY RIGHT?

KOTONO-CHAN...

...WAS CONFESSED TO!

BY THAT GOOD LOOKING GUY THAT CAME TO CHEER FOR HER!

A CONFESSION ALL THE SUDDEN BEHIND THE GYM AFTER A MATCH...

IT WAS IN THE STYLE OF A PITTER-PATTER☆ SITUATION OF A SHOJO MANGA!

OH JEEZ EVEN MY HEART WAS A FLUTTER!!

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IGARASHI-KUN...?

I FIGURE THAT WAS...

THE ONE KOTONO-CHAN LOVES IS YUU-KUN.

THEY'RE ONLY JUST FRIENDS.

I WONDER HOW IT'LL TURN OUT?

HIM BEING SO GOOD LOOKING WAS THE ONLY IMPRESSION I HAD OF HIM...

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ALTHOUGH HE NEVER PAID ANY ATTENTION TO HER SHE CONTINUED WITH HER UNYIELDING FEELINGS...

YEAH...

SHE'S ONLY HAD EYES FOR YUU EVER SINCE SHE REACHED THE AGE OF DISCRETION.

HOW DO YOU FIGURE?

AWW! HEART POUNDING LEVELS ARE GOING UP AGAIN! ♡

IS THAT TRUE!?

It's exactly like the true path in the shojo manga world!!

IF SHE FINDS IGARASHI-KUN DESIRABLE,

SHE SHOULD JUST GIVE UP ON YUU AND PICK HIM.

YUU'S CRUEL BEHAVIOR TODAY...

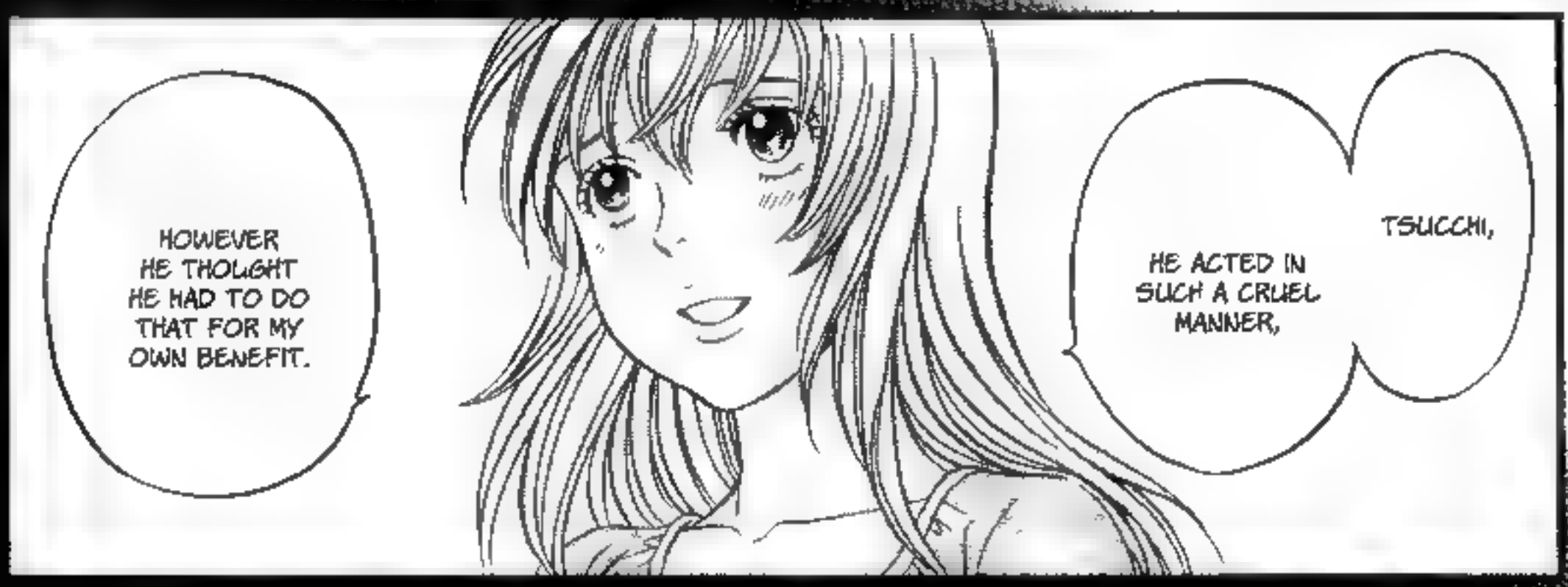
GOES BEYOND THE RANGE OF JUST LAUGHING IT OFF.

YUU-KUN DID ALL THAT,

IN ORDER TO MAKE HER GIVE UP

SO THAT SHE DOESN'T KEEP CHASING AFTER HIM.

HE HURT HER A GREAT DEAL ON PURPOSE.



YOU SAY THAT NAME WITHOUT ANY HESITATIONS,

BECAUSE YOU REALLY THINK OF ME AS JUST A FRIEND?

SO I THINK THAT THERE MIGHT BE A CHANCE FOR HIS FEELINGS TO CHANGE.

EVEN YUU-KUN,

AS HER CHILDHOOD FRIEND, THINKS THAT KOTONO-CHAN IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM!

TO YOU, IS THAT A MEMORY THAT YOU CAN LAUGH AND TALK ABOUT?

BUT I WANT KOTONO-CHAN TO FULFILL HER FIRST LOVE.

IGARASHI-KUN... WAS IT?

HE LOOKS LIKE A FINE YOUNG MAN,

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT I FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT IT?

I WISH FOR HER TO BE REWARDED

IT'S VERY PAINFUL HAVING FEELINGS FOR SOMEONE WHO WON'T EVEN LOOK IN YOUR DIRECTION.

AS YOUR FRIEND, GOING TO ASK QUESTIONS WITHOUT HESITATION.

WHY DID YOU...

BREAK UP WITH TSUCHIYA-SAN?

IN THAT CASE,

GRANPA,

YOU'VE BEEN THINKING THAT AS WELL UNTIL NOW RIGHT?

THEN I'M ALSO,

RUKA-SAN...

WE HAVE DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES...

I GUESS?

I SEE...

GRANPA_

WHY DID YOU BREAK UP?

BECAUSE OF MY INCOMPE-TENCE.

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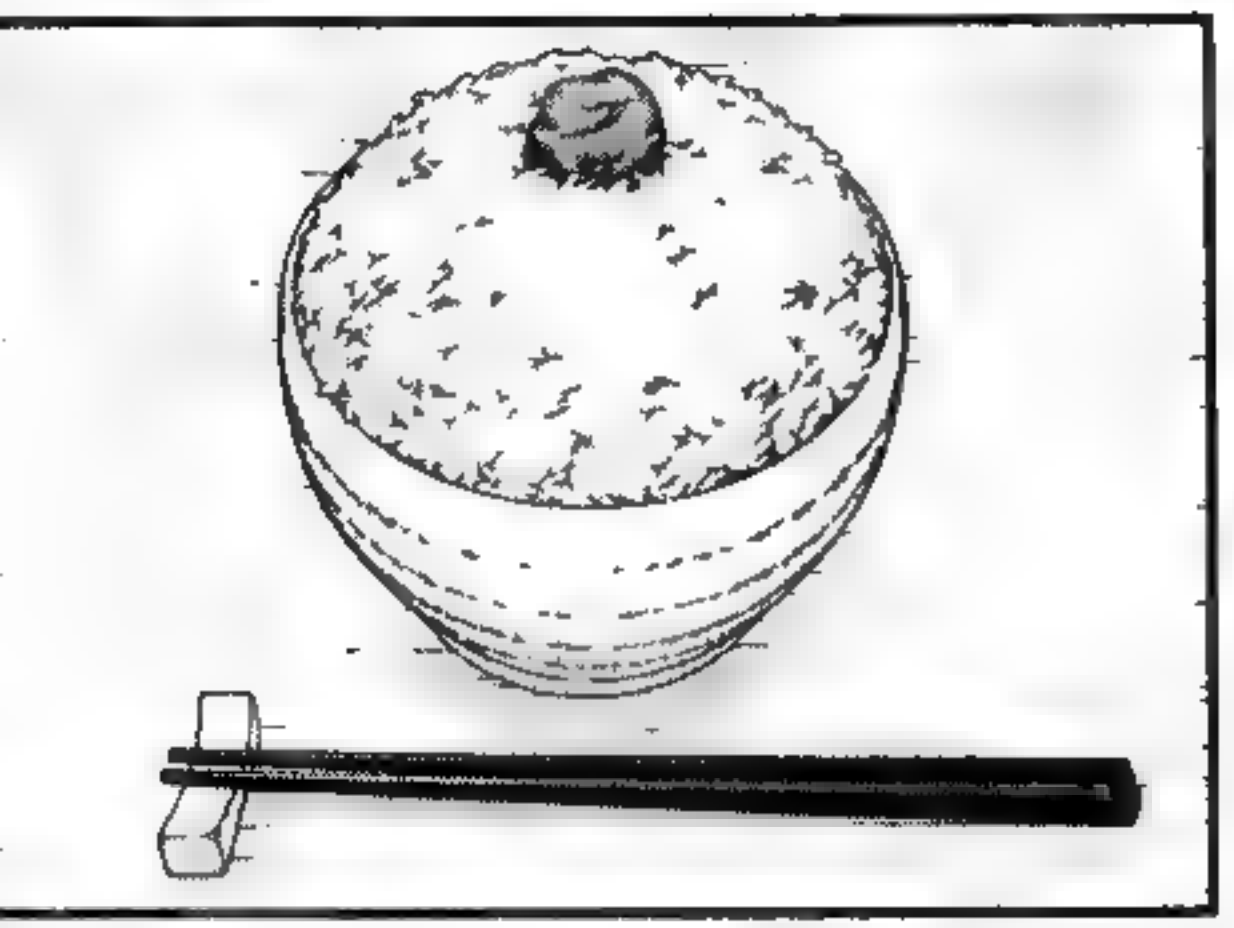
...SHE DUMPED YOU...?

SURE LET'S DO THAT

ANYWAY I'M HUNGRY!

WANT TO HAVE LUNCH ON THE WAY HOME?



Soul Free

I UNDER-STAND.
Pasta House
Polola
OPEN
WE'RE JUST FRIENDS.

IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT YOU DID.

NO MATTER THE REASON ISN'T THIS TOO CRUEL?

IT'S GETTING COLD

EAT UP

BRO, YOU DO GET IT RIGHT?

I DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF DATING KOTONO.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME I MAKE HER UNDERSTAND THAT

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DON'T YOU THINK SO AS WELL BRO?

I DON'T THINK THINGS ARE FINE THE WAY THEY ARE NOW...

BUT I ALSO WANT TO GRANT HER WISH...

KOTONO IS GOOD-NATURED.

SHE'S STILL KID A NOW,

BUT DON'T YOU THINK SHE'LL BECOME BEAUTIFUL WHEN SHE GROWS UP?

SO SHE'S NO GOOD NO MATTER WHAT?

!!!

COULD YOU FUCK KOTONO?

THEN BRO,

THAT'S WHY SHE'S NO GOOD? YOU SEE.

IN THE END THAT'S HOW IT IS.

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO SPRAY ME, JEEEEZ!

IF YOU WERE IN MY PLACE BRO, COULD YOU PLOW YOUR DICK INTO KOTONO?

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU JUST BLURTED OUT WEIRD CRAP LIKE THAT ALL THE SUDDEN !!

YOU SEE.

AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT I CAN?

...BUT JUST PICTURING IT MAKES ME FEEL GUILTY.

...JUST THINKING ABOUT IT...

I COULDN'T DO IT...

WE'VE KNOWN HER SINCE SHE WAS BORN RIGHT?

SHE IS TOO CLOSE TO US.

BRO, IT'S BECAUSE YOU TOLD ME NOT TO IGNORE HER THAT I'VE BEEN TREATING HER THIS WAY.

SO IT'S NOT LIKE MY HEART WOULD START POUNDING NOW.

A ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH HER IS IMPOSSIBLE.

Soul Eater

THAT'S ALREADY TOO HEAVY FOR ME.

TO BE HONEST,

I SEE ...

EVEN WITH ALL THE EXPERIENCE HE HAS WITH RELATION-SHIPS,

YUU IS STILL 18 YEARS OLD.

YOU'RE RIGHT...

SHE APPLIED TO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL AS ME, BUT FAILED

SHE JOINED THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM CHASING AFTER ME.

Yuu-Chan♥

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Kotoha's first year in middle school

SHE MADE ME THE CENTER OF HER WORLD.

TELLING HIM TO CARRY KOTONO AS WELL.

MIGHT BE HARSH...

SHIZUKA!

I WANT TO GO TO THE POOL TOO!

WAIT!

(Huff)

(Huff)

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BUT I DON'T HAVE A FEVER ANYMORE!

NO MEANS NO!

YOU'RE SICK!

BEHAVE YOURSELF AND GO BACK TO BED!

OH NO YOU'RE NOT!

Yuzuba 5th grade

Yuu 3rd grade

COME ON LET'S GO.

Hic

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GO HOME!

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YUU-CHAN HAS BEEN NICE TO ME LIKE A PRINCE....

SINCE WE WERE KIDS,

BUT EVEN SO,

THE ROOT OF HIS KINDNESS DIDN'T CHANGE.

THE MOMENT HE ENTERED MIDDLE SCHOOL HE SUDDENLY BECAME WRAPPED UP IN CHEAP FLATTERY.....

SINCE SHIZUKA'S UPBRINGING WAS SO STRICT,

I MIGHT HAVE SEEN IT AS UNNECESSARY KINDNESS.

...THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO BELIEVE IT

THAT'S WHAT I BELIVE....

"YOU HAVE ANOTHER CHOICE BESIDES SEMPAI."

"I WANT YOU TO TAKE YOUR TIME TO THINK IT OVER."

IGARASHI-KUN HAS BEEN THE NICEST GUY TO ME.

During middle school.

EXCEPT FOR YUU-CHAN AND SHIZUKA,

AND IF I HAPPEN TO PASS BY HIM HE WOULD GIVE ME CANDY.

Yay

Here

HE LET ME COPY HIS HOMEWORK,

Sorry for every time.

Ok

HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO PLAY VOLLEYBALL,

Like this?

Like this.

WOULD HE WAIT UP FOR ME AFTER SCHOOL TO GO HOME TOGETHER?

WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE... DATING HIM?

I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST BEING NICE,

BUT I DIDN'T THINK HE WAS BEING NICE TO ME WITH ANY SPECIAL MEANING...

NOOO! NO! NO! NO! NO!

I WOULDN'T DO THAT WITH ANYONE BESIDES YUU-CHAN!

WE'LL GO ON DATES ON OUR DAYS OFF.

WHEN WE SAY GOOD BYE HE'LL GIVE ME A GOOD NIGHT KIS....

I JUST CAN'T AFTER ALL...

NO...

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING I DON'T LIKE ABOUT HIM.

HE HAS A GOOD PERSONALITY, SMART, ATHLETIC, AND COOL.

I REALLY LIKE HIM AS A FRIEND THOUGH.

WHY NOT IGARASHI-KUN?

YES?

I LIKE HIM AND HE'S IMPORTANT TO ME SO I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM.

IF I TURN HIM DOWN,

WE'LL WE STOP BEING FRIENDS...?

CREAK...

KOTO-NO...

AND YET IT'S NOT LOVE,

THESE FEELINGS ARE...

KNOCK KNOCK

I DON'T WANT THAT...

AH...!

JUST LIKE HIM.

THAT'S RIGHT SHIZUKA!

I'M SORRY ABOUT TODAY ...

YUU DID SUCH AN OUTRAGEOUS THING.

AH.

SPEAKING OF WHICH THE AIR AROUND THEM IS A LITTLE SIMILAR.

IGURASHI-KUN IS JUST LIKE SHIZUKA TO ME...

UM...

DID YOU COME ALL THIS WAY TO APOLOGIZE?

NO...

IT'S FINE! IT'S FINE! IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT!

ALTHOUGH I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT HIM WITH ME...

.....

HOW COME YOU WENT WITH RUKA-SAN?

ABOUT THAT!

THAT'S RIGHT!

OH YEAH!

HOW ARE THINGS WITH RUKA-SAN!?

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

YUU RAN OUT ON ME, SO IT WAS A LITTLE TOUGH GOING BY MYSELF TO AN ALL GIRL SCHOOL SO I BROUGHT HER ALONG WITH ME.

LIKE I SAID..

HOW...?

SINCE WE'RE FRIENDS NOW,

WE DECIDED TO HANG OUT CASUALLY_

YUP.

JUST FRIENDS.

FRIENDS ...?

SO,

WHAT'S THAT LIKE?

DOES IT MAKE YOUR HEART FLUTTER A LITTLE?

BEING TOGETHER WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVED SO MUCH,

CAN YOU REALLY BE JUST FRIENDS WITHOUT ANY HANG UPS?

AND GET EXCITED TALKING ABOUT HOT SPRINGS.

TALK ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS,

SO WE CAN HAVE A REGULAR MEAL,

WELL THAT'S YOU KNOW...

WE'RE BOTH ADULTS.

IT DOESN'T GET AWKWARD OR ANYTHING.

NORMALLY,

WE CAN BRING UP CONVERSATIONS ABOUT OUR EXES.

IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE JUST NORMAL FRIENDS.

IT'S NORMAL.

IT'S JUST VERY NORMAL.

..ARE YOU REALLY FINE WITH JUST THAT?

SHE'S GORGEOUS THAN YOUR AVERAGE FRIEND!

THAT SAID,

.....

SO IT'S A GREAT FEELING BEING TOGETHER WITH HER!

SINCE I'M A GUY AND ALL.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

I'M FINE WITH IT.

WHAT OTHER CHOICE DO I HAVE?

THAT'S THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIP THAT SHE WANTS.

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TRUE FEELINGS

ARE YOU REALLY FINE WITH JUST THAT?

YOU'RE FINE WITH THAT?

FOR REAL,

YOU REALLY DON'T NEED THIS?

HEY,

YOU DON'T NEED THIS.

.....

YOU...

REALLY DON'T WANT ME?

NO! I CAN'T!

I CERTAINLY CAN'T DO THAT!!

I CAN'T MAKE MY FRIEND AN OBJECT OF LUST!!

IT'S ALL BECAUSE I HAVE THIS EXCESS STAMINA!

I NEVER HAD WET DREAMS LIKE THAT DURING MY TABLE TENNIS DAYS!

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HELLO ...

HEY...

IGARASHI-KUN...!

THANK YOU.

FOR COMING TO SUPPORT KOTONO THAT DAY

UM...

LET'S SEE...

THE YOUNG MAN I UNINTENTIONALLY CALLED OUT TO...

...CONFESSED HIS LOVE TO KOTONO.

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YOU HEARD ABOUT ME FROM HANAKI?

HUH?

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JUST WHAT KIND OF PERSON HE IS.

NO,

I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM KOTONO...

THE REASON I DID IT IS BECAUSE I WANT TO FIND OUT,

YOU'RE A GOOD GUY! IGARASHI-KUN!

R-REALLY?

IS THAT SO? I THINK YOU TWO LOOK REALLY GOOD TOGETHER.

NO,

SHE'S NOT MY GIRLFRIEND, SHE'S JUST A FRIEND.

YOUR GIRLFRIEND SAW ME DO THAT...

I'M SO ASHAMED.

I MEAN A CLUB SENPAI.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT KOTONO?

SO...

IGARASHI-KUN,

WHEN I LOOK AT HANAKI,

I FEEL HAPPY.

EVEN THOUGH HE'S GOOD LOOKING HE'S SO INNOCENT...

TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM YUU.

THAT'S_

UH...

WELL YOU SEE ....

FIGHT ON!
FIGHT ON!

ANYHOW I THOUGHT SHE WOULD UP AND QUIT THE MOMENT SENPAI RETIRED FROM THE TEAM.

SHE HAD NO STAMINA. SHE COULDN'T EVEN KEEP UP WITH PRACTICE.

They lapped her

AT FIRST HANAKI AROUSED HOSTILITY FROM EVERYONE.

IT WAS VERY CLEAR THAT HER REASON FOR JOINING THE TEAM WAS TO CHASE AFTER KOMAI-SENPAI.

"LOOK AT HOW HARD SHE'S TRYING! WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH US ACTING ALL WORN OUT!!" IS WHAT THEY SAY

GRADUALLY EVERYONE STARTED TO CHANGE THE WAY THEY SAW HER.

BUT HANAKI KEPT WORKING HARD WITHOUT CUTTING ANY CORNERS.

WELL...

I KNOW SHE'S ONLY HAD EYES FOR SENPAI.

BUT I FELT IT WAS WORTH A SHOT...

WELL SOMEHOW ....

JUST LOOKING AT HANAKI,

I FEEL LIKE I CAN DO MY BEST.

IGARASHI-KUN...

I CAN TELL HE'S A GOOD GUY...

YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT!

JUST KEEP PUSHING THROUGH!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT YUU.

I'M SURE,

THAT HE WOULD TREASURE KOTONO.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST.

GO FOR IGARASHI-KUN!

SURELY,

IT WOULD BE FOR THE BEST FOR BOTH KOTONO AND YUU.

W-WHAT...? OUT OF NOWHERE —

I TALKED WITH HIM FOR A WHILE WHEN I WAS OUT RUNNING THIS MORNING.

HE'S POLITE, HAS A SOFT DEMEANOR, AND IS A VERY SINCERE YOUNG MAN.

A GIRL WOULD BE COMPLETELY HAPPY PICKING A GUY LIKE IGARASHI-KUN.

ON TOP OF THAT HE HAS GOOD LOOKS!

COMPARED TO YUU, HE'S A NICE GUY THAT DOESN'T FALL BEHIND IN ANY CATEGORY!

I DON'T THINK,

YUU'S FONDNESS FOR GIRLS WILL BE FIXED SLOWLY BUT SURELY OKAY..?

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I KNOW THAT.

I...

THEN!

BUT,

DIDN'T THINGS TURN OUT BAD FOR YOU SHIZUKA?

I THINK HE'S A WONDERFUL GUY THAT'S WASTED ON SOMEONE LIKE ME.

EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE DATING A WONDERFUL GIRL LIKE SHIMAZU-SAN,

YOU WEREN'T HAPPY!

AND YET,

WHY ARE YOU ARBITRARILY DECIDING THAT IT WOULD GO WELL FOR ME AND HIM?

.....!

I KNOW THAT IF I BECAME ENGROSSED WITH HIM I WILL BECOME HAPPY.

STILL,

I'M NOT CONFIDENT THAT I CAN FORGET ABOUT YUU-CHAN.

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TESTING THE WATERS BY DATING HIM...

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME.

THAT'S RIGHT ....

...IN THE ROMANCES OF OTHER PEOPLE.

I'M NOT ENTITLED TO BE MEDDLING...

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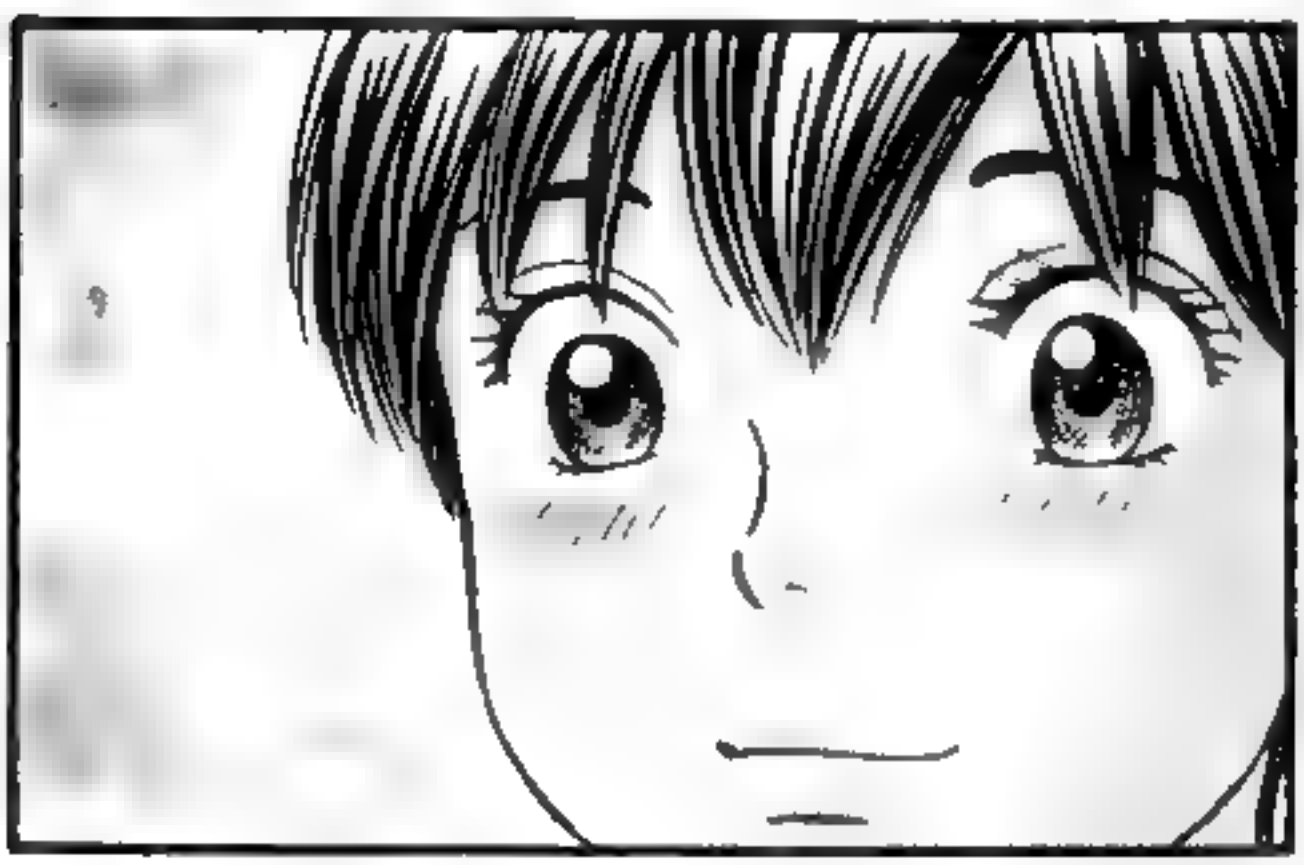

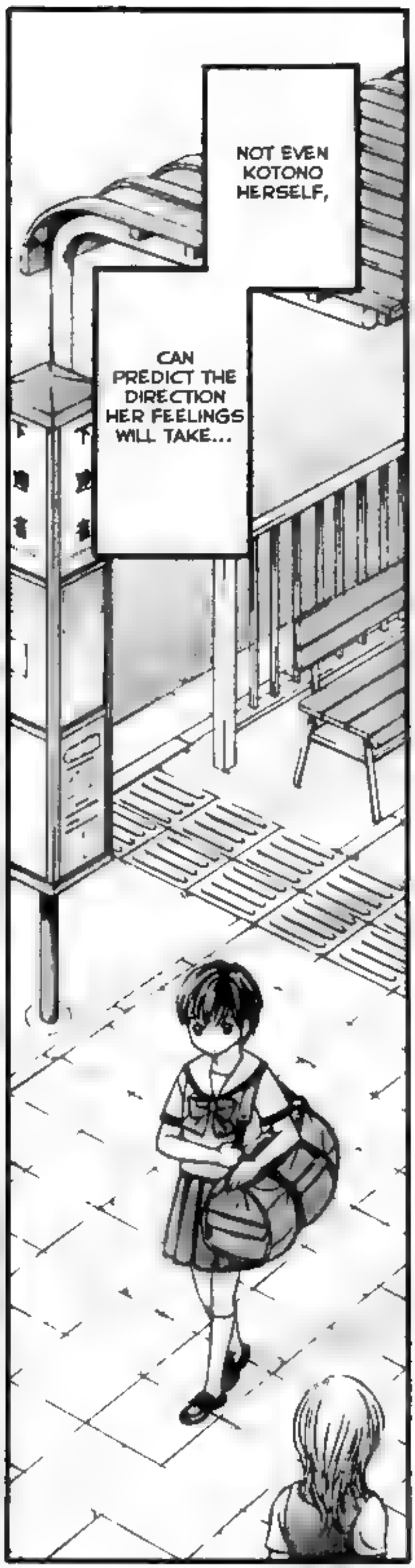
NOT EVEN KOTONO HERSELF,
CAN PREDICT THE DIRECTION HER FEELINGS WILL TAKE...

OH YEAH THAT'S RIGHT,

YUU-CHAN!

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO MY GAME.

THANKS TO THAT I WAS ABLE TO GET FIRED UP!

GOING HOME RIGHT NOW? IT'S SO EARLY.

ARE YOU OFF FROM WORK?

STAR KING

THAT WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE SHOCK WHEN HE GOT HIS FIRST GIRLFRIEND!

HUMPH!

SHE...

THAT HAD NO EFFECT ON HER AT ALL...?

EVERYONE ON THE TEAM DURING SENIOR YEAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL KNEW ABOUT IT...

HEY...

HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT!?

HUH WAIT...?

HOW COME YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

SPEAKING OF YOUR GAME...

RASSHI AND THE OTHERS CAME AS WELL.

YEAH.

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I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THAT HE'S STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU.

!?

RASSHI FINALLY CONFESSED?

I SEE!

OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE HIM THE OK RIGHT?

HE DID!

YOU KNOW WHY WITHOUT ME SAYING IT.

HE'S SUPER NICE AND VERY SERIOUS.

SO SERIOUS HE'S NOT A TOTAL BORE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHY...?

YOU KNOW WHY.

I STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN HIM AN ANSWER ...

WHY? RASSHI IS A GOOD DUDE!

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YOU KNOW IF YOU'RE GOING TO GET MARRIED THERE'S NO OTHER GUY BETTER THAN RASSHI?

IF YOU LET HIM SLIP BY YOU'LL REGRET IT YOUR WHOLE LIFE.

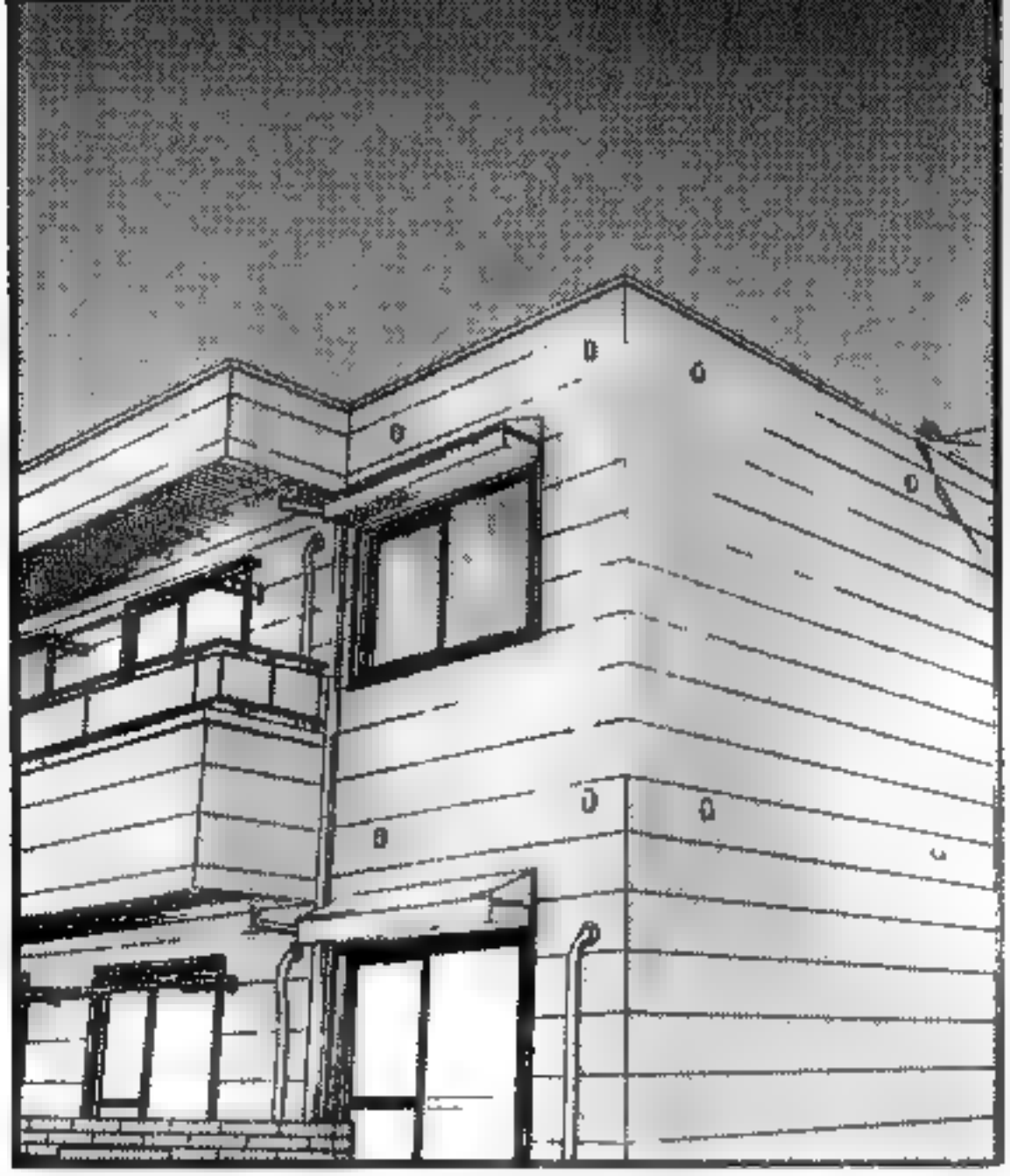
SO HOLD ON TIGHT AND DON'T LET GO.

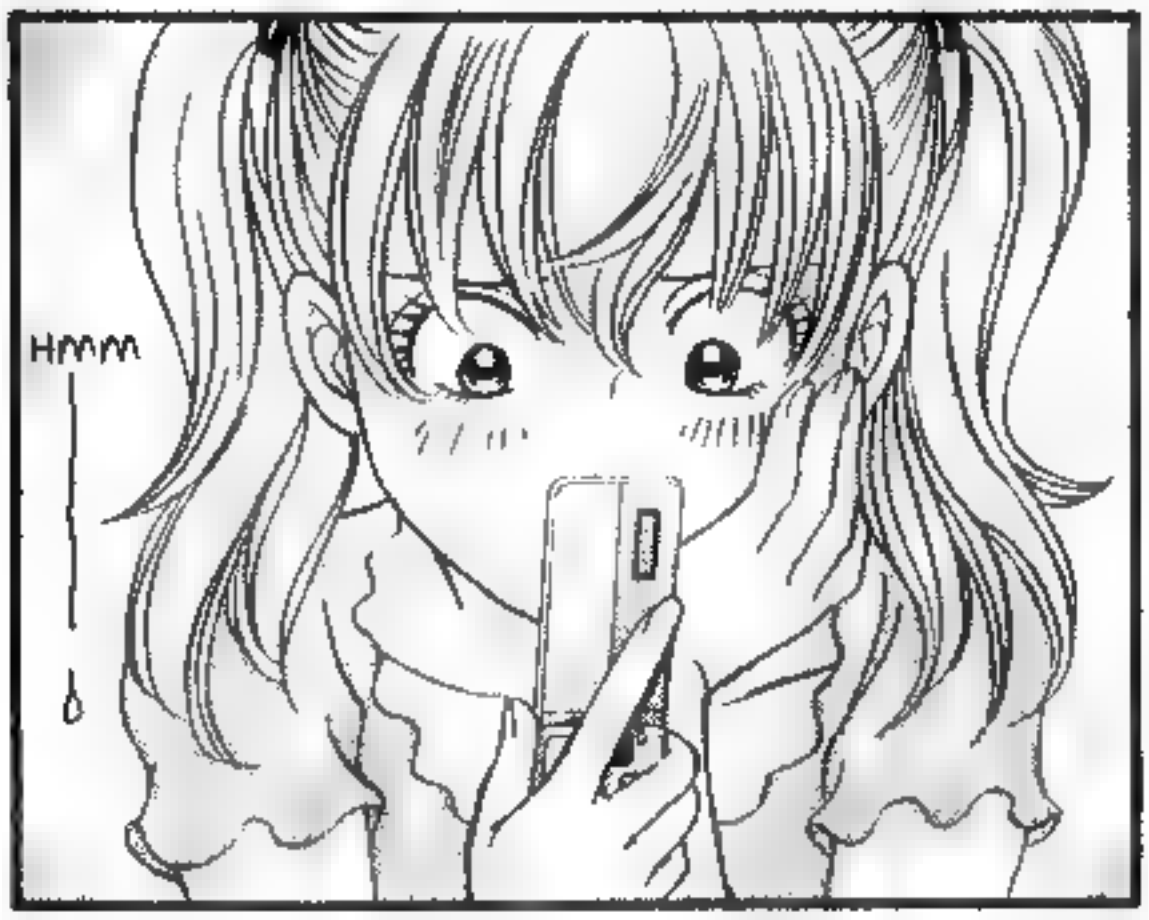
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO BECOME YUU-CHAN'S "GIRLFRIEND".

ANYWAY,

I HAVE TO BE SOMEWHERE. SO LATERS.

I...!

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HEY NACHI...
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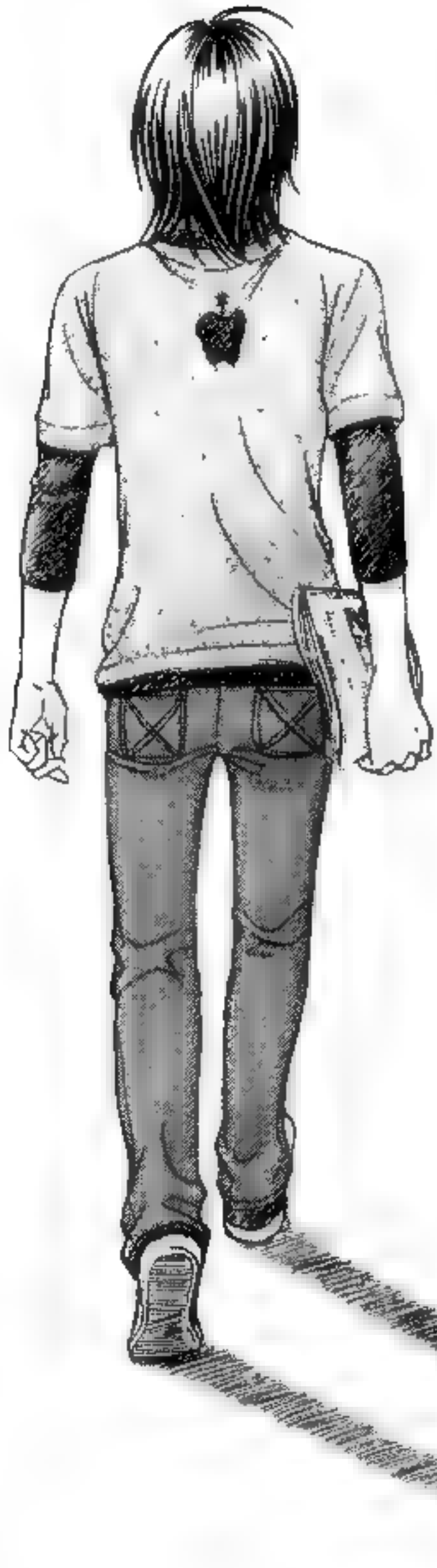

SO ABOUT THE DATA COMPILATION OF OUR EXHIBITIONS FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL...

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SINCE YOU'RE KIND OF BUSY IS OKAY IF I JUST DON'T ASK YOU TO HELP OUT_?

SURE I DON'T MIND...

.....

GRANPA SHOULD BECOME THE LEADER FOR THE EXHIBITION THIS YEAR FOR SURE.

THE TWINS ARE CURRENTLY ON VACATION WITH THEIR PARENTS. YAJI-KUN HATES DOING THIS SORT OF WORK.

SO IT'S NOT UNNATURAL TO ASK GRANPA FOR HELP RIGHT?

SO,

COULDN'T YOU HAVE JUST SUMMED IT ALL UP BY TEXTING HIM, "I WANT TO SEE YOU"?

WHEN YOU WANT TO SEE SOMEONE DON'T YOU CASUALLY INVITE THEM?

WHY'S THAT?

DON'T BE ABSURD!

WE'RE FRIENDLY WITHOUT ANY DEEP MEANING LIKE THAT!

SO FAST! HE'S GOT NOTHING GOING ON

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Obscene Dick

Sub What up!~♡

Yahoo!♡ What's up!~♡

Let's go out for drinks once in a while.
♡♡♡

Of course it'll be your T-R-E-A-T Obscene Dick!

Kisses♡

LIKE THIS FOR EXAMPLE.

I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO BECOME FRIENDS LIKE THIS...

From Obscene Dick

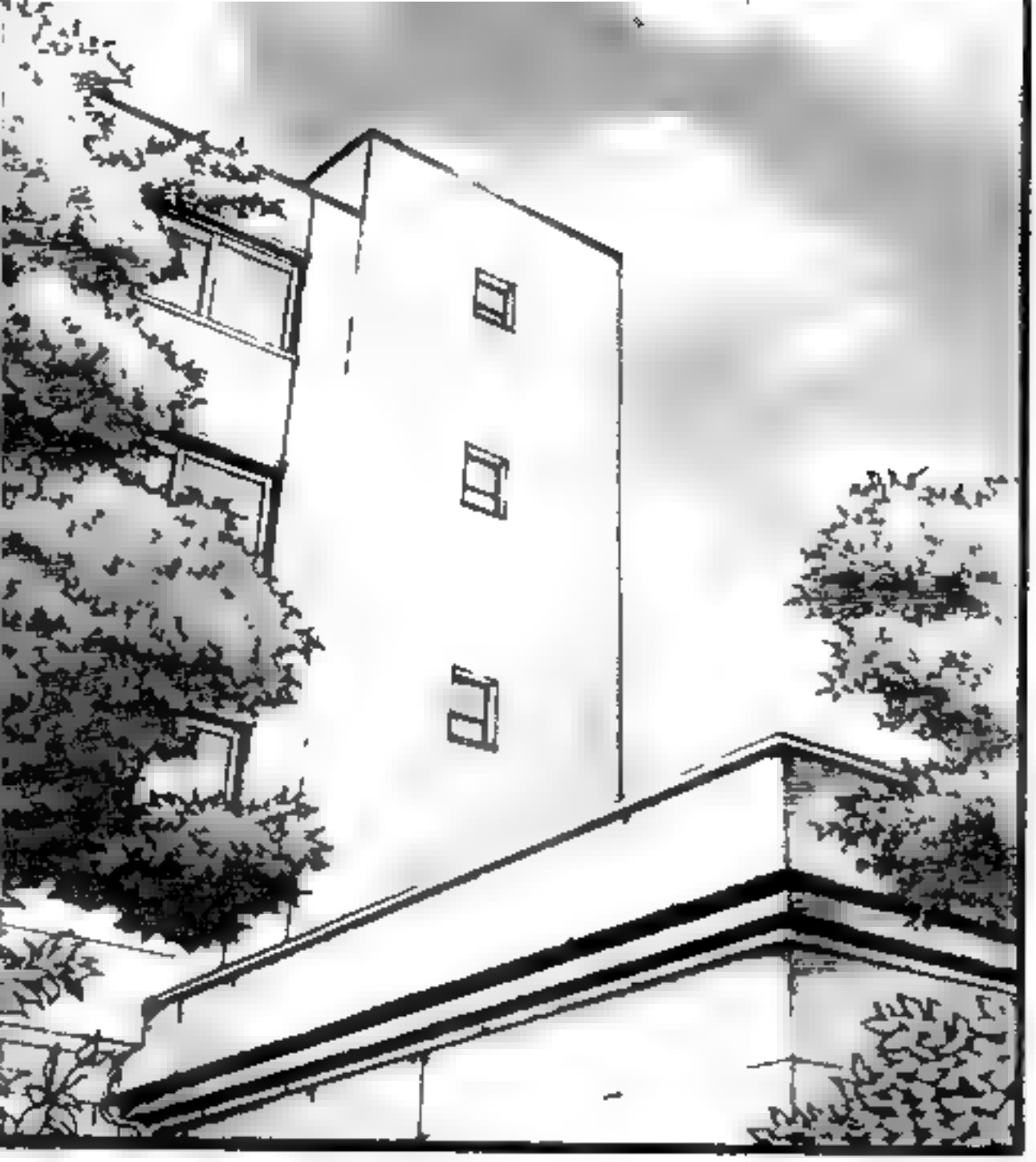
Sub Re:What up~♡

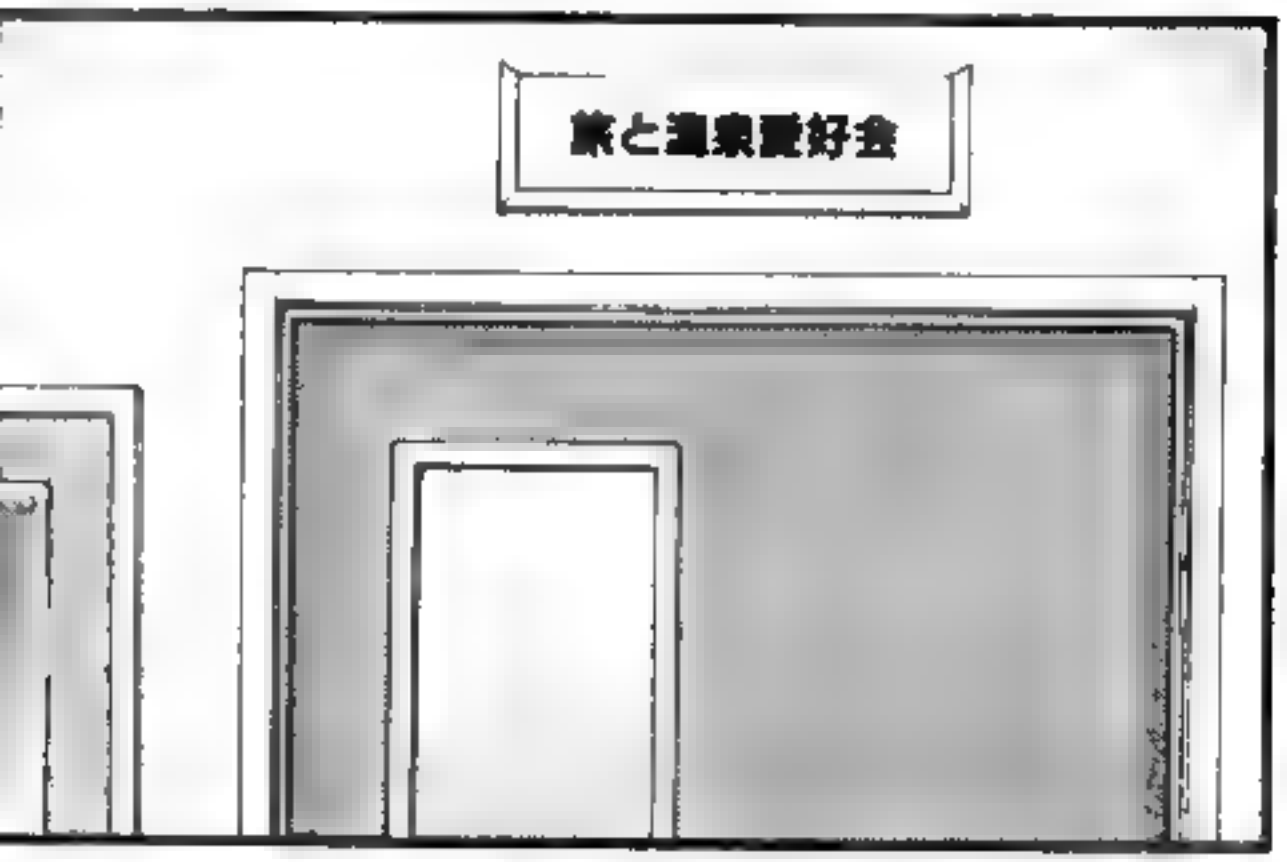
You fucking kidding me you GODDAMN BITCH!

it'll be DUTCH you DUMB ASS!!!!

SEE.

THIS IS WHAT I CALL A "FRIEND".

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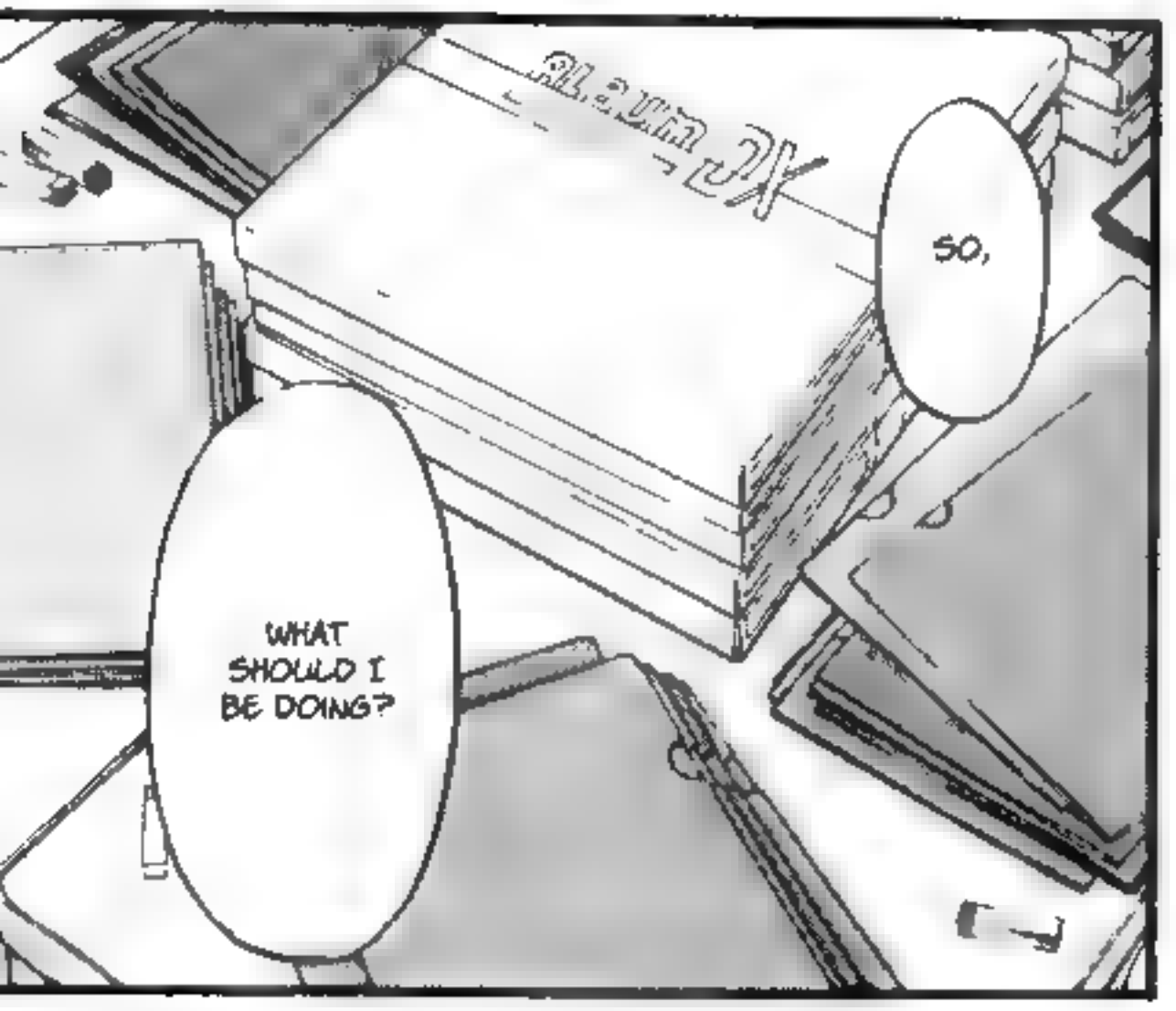
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SO,
WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?

I MEAN...
I DON'T WANT TO BECOME JUST FRIENDS THOUGH...

THROUGH ALL THESE OLD DOCUMENTS?

I WONDER HOW MANY DAYS IT'LL TAKE...

IF WE GATHER AND TURN IT INTO DATA, IT CAN SAVE US TIME FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL.

START BY LOOKING THROUGH THOSE OLD ALBUMS, SEE IF YOU CAN PICK OUT DOCUMENTS RELATED TO OUR EXHIBITIONS?

FOR THE TIME BEING I WON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS USING THIS AS AN EXCUSE FOR CALLING HIM!

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HE-HEH! ♪

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TO THINK THIS USED TO BE IN STYLE.

THIS GIRL'S EYEBROWS ARE VERY THICK!

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HIDE MY TRUE FEELINGS,

AH! LOOK AT THIS! LOOK!

1986 ②

I WONDER IF MAKE UP AN EXCUSE,

WILL YOU LOOK AT ME ONE MORE TIME...?

SOMEDAY,

STAY BY YOUR SIDE ACTING LIKE FRIENDS,

THE SKIRT LENGTH USED TO BE LONG TOO.

YEA! THAT'S WHY T-SHIRTS AND JEANS ARE IN! RIGHT ♡

LET'S TAKE A BREAK.

I'LL MAKE SOME TEA.

WELL,

HOW'S IT BEEN WITH KOTONO-CHAN AFTER THAT?

IS THAT SO...

YES, THAT'S SO TRUE.

IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'S STILL HOLDING OFF ON GIVING HIM AN ANSWER.

LIKE I THOUGHT SHE JUST CAN'T CUT HERSELF OFF FROM YUU—

SO AS FAR AS I GO, I WANT TO CHEER FOR IGARASHI-KUN...

BUT YUU DOESN'T HAVE THOSE KINDS OF FEELINGS FOR HER AT ALL.

AND IT LOOKS LIKE IGARASHI-KUN IS A REAL NICE GUY

.....

SHE'S TRYING TO CUT HERSELF OFF, BUT SHE CAN'T DO IT.

THERE AREN'T ANY THEORIES FOR THIS YOU KNOW.

IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'LL FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM JUST BECAUSE HE'S A NICE GUY.

A MAIDEN'S HEART TROUBLED BETWEEN TWO GUYS... HUH?

KOTONO-CHAN SURE IS LUCKY ♡

SHE'S LIVING HER YOUTH. ♡

BUT,

RUKA-SAN...

DIDN'T YOU HAVE ONE OF THOSE "TROUBLED YOUTH" AS WELL?

DID YOU FORGET?

ABOUT THE FACT THAT I WAS WATING FOR YOUR ANSWER.

AH...!

BUT...

IN MY CASE,

UH HUH ...

THAT'S_ RIGHT

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT

!!

SOMEONE RAN OUT ON ME AT THE LAST MOMENT...

SO YOU CAN SAY IT ENDED ON A SOUR NOTE... RIGHT?

OBVIOUSLY HE'D RUN AWAY

AFTER THE DAY HE SAW THAT KISSING SCENE...

WELL...

YEAH....

IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD HAVE SUDDENLY AVOIDED IT!

I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING!

WELL,

.....!

HUH?

LET'S GET BACK TO WORK.

OUR GOAL IS STILL FAR AWAY...

IS THAT TRUE...?

..I MEAN LET'S STOP BRING THAT UP AGAIN, OKAY?

SINCE WE FINALLY MADE UP!

THOUGH IT'S NOT LIKE WE GOT INTO A FIGHT OR ANYTHING!

WAS AGAINST RUKA-SAN'S WILL?

THE KISS WITH *HIM*,

IT WAS ALL ME JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS ...

GRANPA

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SHE WAS NOT HESITATING...

WHAT'S WRONG?

ARE YOU TIRED?

...BETWEEN HIM AND ME.

RUKA-SAN!

カ"ク カ"ク

I'M STILL—

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SORRY, HOLD ON SECOND.

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OH.

AH...

OKAY.

I HAPPEN TO BE IN THE CLUB ROOM RIGHT NOW.

YES.

OH HELLO!

YES, THAT'S FINE. SURE.

HELLO.

UH....

SORRY. THAT WAS ONE OF THE REGULARS.

SO? YOU WERE SAYING?

.....

UH HUH.

OKAY I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER.

GOOD BYE.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I FIGURED IT WAS A LITTLE RECKLESS.

I SHOULD PROBABLY CALL SOME OF THE FRESHMEN TOO?

OH... YEAH.

OF THE MIND THAT ALL THESE DOCUMENTS ARE TOO MUCH FOR THE TWO OF US...

I'M STILL,

Phew

Click

Click

I CAME VERY CLOSE TO SAYING IT.

I'M STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU.

THAT...

SEE YOU LATER, I'M GOING GO TO THE REGULARS FOR A BIT.

ALRIGHT BYE.

Postscript.

I PLANNED TO HAVE THE STORY CENTER AROUND EACH OF THE KOMAI BROTHERS' ROMANCES.

Popular younger brother.

Unpopular older brother.

DURING THE PLANNING STAGES BEFORE THE START OF THE SERIES "HETAKOI",

Tall big breasted character.

I EVEN PREPARED A BEST FRIEND FOR KOTONO,

BUT AFTER SOME CHANGES SHE BECAME NACHI.

He was suppose to become one of the main characters.

I CAME UP WITH THE YOUNGER BROTHER'S SIDE FIRST,

FRANKLY I CREATED THE CHARACTERS OF KOTONO AND IGURASHI BEFORE RUKA.

I planned for her to be a dual heroine.

YES, I SEE.

IN CHARGE

YES, I'D LIKE TO CONCLUDE IT WITH A SUPPORTING TWO CHAPTER STORY.

I SHOULD START WRAPPING UP THE MAIN STORY,

WHILE MEETINGS PROGRESSED THE OLDER BROTHER BECAME THE MAIN CHARACTER, HOWEVER...

HMMM——

BUT I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE KOTONO'S UNREQUITED LOVE OUT THERE.

SO PLEASE ACCOMPANY ME FOR THE TIME BEING.

KOTONO'S STORY WILL CONTINUE A LITTLE LONGER.

I couldn't conclude it even in 3 chapters...

The end.

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